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COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Spokane, Washington, May 14-17, 1902

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, President.

B. H. ALBERTS, Secretary.

C. F. DENNEY, Assistant Secretary.

JOHN E. BRADLEY, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, E. W. Achilles, B. H. Alberts.

On Publications—B. H. Alberts, J. N. Wood, C. F. Denney.

On Education—J. S. Bradley, J. Bradley.

On Sunday-schools—Ellen Welton, Lizzie Abbott.

On Reforms—J. D. Cook, J. N. Wood, George Edwards.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. N. Wood.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. H. Yockey, F. W. Dickie.

On State of the Work—The stationing committee.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Memoirs—J. D. Cook, B. H. Alberts.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, E. W. Achilles, B. H. Alberts, F. W. Dickie, L. Schmuck.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. W. Achilles, president; C. F. Denney, secretary; L. Schmuck, treasurer; B. H. Alberts, F. W. Dickie.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. N. Wood, five years; E. W. Achilles, president, four years; C. F. Denney, three years; J. S. Bradley, two years; B. H. Alberts, one year.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—S. H. Yockey.

On Reforms—C. F. Denney.

On State of the Work—E. W. Achilles.

On Publications—George Edwards.

On Sunday-schools—Guy Denney.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, president, 827 Madelia St., Spokane, Washington; Mrs. S. T. Andrews, first vice-president; Mrs. Mary Bennett, second vice-president; Mrs. S. H. Christian, corresponding secretary; Miss H. Luella Betts, recording secretary and treasurer, 1819 E. Broadway, Spokane, Washington.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions, (25 cents); General Missions, (15 cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants'; third quarter, Church Extension and Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, General Superintendents' and General Conference Delegates'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

George Edwards,
J. N. Wood,
J. S. Bradley,

E. W. Achilles,
Guy Denney,
F. H. Church.

B. H. Alberts,
C. F. Denney,

S. H. Yockey,
J. D. Cook,

DELEGATES

F. W. Dickie, Charles Schindler, Minerva Burbank, Lizzie Abbott,
Louis Schmuck, Ellen Welton, Mrs. H. A. Parris, O. E. Bullock.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, E. W. Achilles, F. W. Dickie.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. M. Norris.
4. Who remain on trial? John E. Bradley, received by transfer from the Washington conference and in the first year's course of study.
5. None.
6. Who are the deacons? Guy Denney.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. H. Yockey, J. N. Wood, C. F. Denney.
8. Who have located this year? J. F. Leise, at his own request.
9. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. D. Cook, J. S. Bradley.
10. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. S. Bradley, an elder from the Washington conference; F. H. Church, an elder from the Kansas conference.
11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
12. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. D. Cook, S. P. Westfield.
13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
14. Who have died this year? Daniel W. Haight.
- 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. See statistics.
20. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? J. S. Bradley, \$150, J. D. Cook, \$100.
- 21, 22, 23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Tekoa, Washington, as near the first Wednesday in May, 1903 as will be consistent with the plans of the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

SPOKANE DISTRICT.—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder, Sherar Bridge, Oregon.

Spokane.....B. H. Alberts, 827 Madelia, St., Spokane, Wash.
Tyler, Medical Lake and Cheney.....C. F. Denney, Tyler, "
Sprague, Ritzville and Harrington.....To be supplied
St. John circuit.....J. N. Wood, St. John, Wash.
Penawawa circuit.....E. M. Norris, Penawawa, "
Tekoa and Summervale.....J. E. Bradley, Tekoa, "
Clarkfork.....S. H. Yockey, Clarkfork, Idaho
Rosalia.....To be supplied
Coulee City.....Morgan Ramey, supply, Coulee City, Wash.
J. D. Cook, superannuated, 3301 5th Ave., Freemont, Washington; J. F. Leise, granted a certificate of location at his own request; Eva E. Alberts, conference evangelist.

COLVILLE DISTRICT.—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder.

Colville.....P. B. Wright, supply, Colville, Wash.
Chewelah.....To be supplied
Daisy and Waterloo.....To be supplied
J. S. Bradley, superannuated, Chewelah, Wash.

PENDLETON DISTRICT.—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder.

Athena, Vansycle and Waterman..... F. H. Church, Athena, Oregon
 The Dalles and Hood River..... To be supplied
 White River and Tyghe Valley..... P. A. Scott, supply
 Bake Oven Guy Denney, Sherar Bridge, Oregon
 George Edwards, missionary to Boise, Idaho.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$51.60.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$30.96.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$25.80.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed and paid, \$17.20.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—\$1.10.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—\$17.20.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—\$3.10.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' FUND.—\$5.70.

HOME MISSIONS.—Paid, \$51.25.

Disbursements: B. H. Alberts, \$25.62; George Edwards, \$15.00; Guy Denney, \$8.00; J. D. Cook, \$2.63. Total, \$51.25.

MISCELLANEOUS

The seventh session of the Columbia River conference was held in Spokane, Washington, May 14-17, 1902. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided with acceptability throughout. The conference sittings were harmonious, and the pastors' reports very encouraging. Rev. W. B. Olmstead was present from Thursday over the Sabbath and preached the missionary sermon Sunday afternoon, after which a collection of \$37.00 was taken. About \$100 was raised for various purposes, and \$148 in cash and subscriptions for Seattle Seminary. The conference claims were all paid with a surplus of \$8.47.

The W. F. M. S. go forth with renewed courage, although they labor against great difficulties on account of being scattered over so much territory.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPOKANE DISTRICT											
Spokane		\$ 60	\$ 38 40		\$214 79	\$ 26 50		1	\$800		
Tyler, Medical Lake and Cheney		65			233 55			1	700	1	\$200
Sprague, Ritzville & Lord's Valley					202 00	5 00		1	500		
St. John circuit			15 21		385 00	28 73				1	800
Clarkfork					203 50	24 00		1	500		
Penawawa circuit			19 02		375 36	38 50		1	600	1	600
Latah and Summervale			36 19		219 14	34 00					
COLVILLE DISTRICT											
Colville		1 40			261 08	39 50		1	1000	1	500
Daisy and Waterloo											
Chewelah	\$1 10	1 10	18 50		302 40	36 40		1	1000	1	250
PENDLETON DISTRICT											
Athena, Vansycle and Waterman					348 60	34 80				1	300
The Dalles and White River			19 70	10	169 72	30 70	6 70				
Boise					50 00						
Total	\$1 10	\$3 75	\$147 02	10	\$2965 14	\$298 13	\$6 70	7	\$5100	6	\$2650

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

SPOKANE, COLVILLE AND PENDELTON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions Societies
SPOKANE DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder	10	2	12	3	1	7	50	5	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08	\$ 1 50	\$ 90	\$ 60	\$ 90	\$ 90	6 25	.....
	B. H. Alberts.....	21	1	22	2	9	50	6	6 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	C. F. Denney.....	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	3	2 10	1 26	1 75	1 55	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	D. W. Haight.....	29	2	31	1	2	14	46	8	9 90	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	.....	.....	7 40	.....
	J. D. Cook.....	15	1	16	1	7	25	3	3 60	2 16	3 00	1 80	1 20	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....
	S. H. Yockey.....	20	3	23	1	1	3	20	10	6 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	3 40	\$ 21 30
	Penawawa circuit.....	17	5	22	2	8	40	2	4 20	2 62	3 50	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
	Latah and Summervale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	E. M. Norris.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	E. W. Achilles, District Elder	14	3	17	1	6	30	8	4 16	2 25	2 50	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....	1 04	1 00
COLVILLE DISTRICT	J. F. Leise.....	9	.....	9	1	.....	.....	2	2 70	1 62	2 25	1 35	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Daisy and Waterloo.....	21	.....	21	2	1	5	20	4	5 40	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	2 70	2 21	.....	.....
	Chewelah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	J. S. Bradley.....	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	E. W. Achilles, District Elder	18	.....	18	2	10	40	8	3 85	1 65	2 75	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....	6 55	.....
	E. W. Achilles.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PENDLETON DISTRICT	Athens, Vansycle and Waterman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	The Dalles and White River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Guy Denney.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	George Edwards.....
Total.....		193	17	210	5	4	13	59	321	63	\$53 25	\$31 86	\$44 25	\$26 55	\$17 70	\$5 87	\$27 85	\$116 33

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CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Beulah Park, East Oakland, California, June 11-15, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

G. W. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

H. H. FARNHAM, Assistant Secretary.

W. C. GRAVES, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, G. W. Griffith, F. H. Horton.

On Reforms—F. H. Horton, W. D. Bishop, H. L. Kibby.

On Publications—C. H. Loomis, J. E. Cochran, Martha B. Hart.

On Education—M. L. Winegarden, W. D. Bishop, L. Anna Stuart.

On Sunday-schools—J. E. Cochran, C. H. Loomis, Nettie Smith.

On State of the Work—G. W. Griffith, E. P. Hart, Maggie Seeley.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. C. Graves.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. H. Loomis, Charles Hitt.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—B. R. Jones, E. P. Hart, G. W. Griffith, H. L. Kibby, J. Winter.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. W. Griffith, president, three years; W. C. Graves, secretary, two years;
C. H. Loomis, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. W. Griffith, president; W. C. Graves, secretary; M. L. Winegarden, treasurer; J. Winter, Charles Hitt.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—C. H. Loomis.

On State of the Work—G. W. Griffith.

On Publications—W. D. Bishop.

On Education—W. C. Graves.

On Sunday-schools—H. H. Farnham.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (35 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents); General Superintendents (—); third quarter, Conference Claimants (—); fourth quarter, Church Extension (10 cents); Delegates' Expenses (15 cents); Foreign Missions.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. May E. Griffith, president, 1360 Broadway, Alameda, Cal.; Miss L. Anna Stuart, corresponding secretary, Oakdale, Cal.; Mrs. Carrie M. Carpenter, secretary, Oakdale, Cal.; Mrs. Ina M. Baird, treasurer, 1109 Park Ave., Alameda, Cal.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. P. Hart,
C. H. Loomis,
C. V. Carpenter.

F. H. Horton,
G. W. Griffith,

M. L. Winegarden,
W. D. Bishop,

J. E. Cochran,
W. C. Graves,

DELEGATES

W. V. Burr,	Melissa Robbins,	Nettie Smith,	Martha B. Hart,
Charles Hitt,	Josephine Woolford,	Josias Winter,	L. Anna Stuart,
Maggie Seeley,	W. J. Call,	H. L. Kibby.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, G. W. Griffith, H. L. Kibby.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. C. Simpson, H. W. Dobbins, H. H. Farnham, an ordained local elder.
4. None.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. V. Carpenter, W. C. Graves.
- 6-8. None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. D. Bishop.
10. Who are the superannuated preachers? F. H. Horton.
- 11-13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$382.50.
- 22, 23. No business.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? If practicable at San Jose, final decision to rest with a committee composed of the following persons: G. W. Griffith, J. E. Cochran, M. L. Winegarden, W. C. Graves, H. L. Kibby.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twentieth session of this conference convened at Beulah Park, East Oakland, California, June 11-15. There was a large attendance, and the services were characterized by much of the Spirit's presence. Rev. W. B. Olmstead ably represented the publishing interests of the church, and was greatly blest in preaching. The conference passed a resolution endorsing the Home Department work of the Sunday-school. General Superintendent Jones presided with great acceptability, and preached with power. Rev's. A Beers and C. N. Bertels, of the Washington conference were introduced, and together with Rev. W. B. Olmstead, were invited to honorary seats.

A successful meeting was held by the W. F. M. S. Steps were taken toward opening a Chinese mission, to be conducted by Rev. N. S. Honn. About \$90.00 was raised for camp-meeting expenses, \$22.25 in the missionary meeting, and about \$60.00 to be divided among the preachers for moving expenses.

APPOINTMENTS

SAN JOSE DISTRICT.—G. W. GRIFFITH, District Elder, 1360 Broadway, Alameda, California.

Alameda	M. L. Winegarden, 1414 Park Ave., Alameda, California	
San Jose and Santa Clara	J. E. Cochran, 112 N. 9th St., San Jose,	"
Gilroy and Morgan Hill	W. V. Burr, supply, Gilroy,	"
Corralitos	W. C. Graves, Corralitos,	"
Santa Rosa	H. H. Farnham, Santa Rosa,	"
Pacheco		To be supplied

E. P. Hart, general superintendent, 1117 Park Ave., Alameda, California; W. D. Bishop, supernumerary, Palo Alto, California; F. H. Horton, superannuated, Los Angeles, California.

IONE DISTRICT.—G. W. GRIFFITH, District Elder.

Ione and Mt. Echo.....	C. H. Loomis, Ione, California	
Oakdale.....	C. V. Carpenter, Oakdale,	"
Sutter Creek and Plymouth.....	W. J. Call, supply, Plymouth,	"
Cosumne, Lee school house and Sheldon.....	W. C. Simpson, Cosumne,	"

CHICO DISTRICT.—G. W. GRIFFITH, District Elder.

Chico and Dayton.....	H. W. Dobbins, Chico, California
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

STATE OF THE WORK.

In our annual report on the state of the work, your committee would call attention to the following points: 1. The character of the field in which we labor. 2. A brief survey of the facilities at our command for working the field. 3. Our responsibility in view of the foregoing and of the failures and successes of the past.

First, as to the field. It is indeed peculiar. We call it a hard field. Our fame has gone out into the earth, and the priest and the Levite pass us by on the other side. In the first place we note the pernicious influence emanating from modern rationalistic thought. Rationalism is the expression of doubt and its end is fatalism. It is the most subtle, insidious, and withal the most destructive of modern errors. It destroys supernaturalism, paralyzes spirituality, throttles God-given aspirations, and destroys the foundation of faith. It is the author of destructive criticism, which eliminates hope and embitters the spirit. Above all it destroys the ground of obligation, rendering the claims of God's law inoperative, and opens the door for the incoming of its legitimate successor—utilitarianism. The effect of this is seen in the deadening of spiritual life in the church, the indifference of the public mind to the claims of the gospel, and the dearth of far-reaching and extensive revivals of religion.

Again, the errors in eschatology have somewhat to do with hindering the work of the gospel. The doctrine of the soul-sleeper abounds. Annihilation acts as an opiate to the ordinary sinner. With comparatively few to reason of righteousness, temperance and judgment, the modern Felix is not made to tremble, but is permitted to drift quietly into hell.

The cosmopolitan nature of the population is a well-nigh insurmountable barrier in the way of our progress. The salubrity of our climate, the diversified facilities for making money and the attractiveness of the country serve to unite people of all nationalities, creeds and temperaments. This has produced an independence of thought and life that sets each individual apart by himself. The only cohesiveness found outside of the family, is that of the lodge-room, and this is set as a stone wall of opposition against us. In addition to these, the absence of a Sabbath law, the prevalence of wine drinking and liquor dealing, form a combination of systematized evil which stultifies the public conscience, deadens the sense of obligation, renders the soul well-nigh impervious to truth, and causes a condition of apathy and indifference which is startling in the extreme.

Realizing then the barrenness of the field, we turn to note the facilities at our command for tilling its soil.

First, in ourselves we note some elements of weakness. We are few in number but the quality is good. Our preachers are devoted and to a considerable degree, spiritual. For some of us, at least, we believe there is a richer baptism, a deeper anointing, a more all-consuming passion for souls. We are hopeful, we are desirous, we are expectant but we are not dying for Christ, we are not burning up with zeal for God's house. May the spirit of Pentecost come on us. Amen. Then again, we are not sufficiently aggressive. There is an alarming tendency toward congregationalism. We are too easily satisfied with what we have. We gaze with longing eyes at the regions beyond but do not possess them. We believe, that, with a few exceptions where environments hinder, every preacher should have from three to six appointments.

Again, our people are good in the main, with some who will rank among God's best. We note some degree of sacrifice for the cause, but we believe God would have us possessed of more. There must be a sacrifice of time to attend general gatherings and of means to carry on aggressive mission work. We fear an element of weakness in our people not maintaining their distinctive position relative to worldliness and sin of every character. Again, we note an element of weakness in our lack of well-saved, aggressive young people to use in band and mission work. May the Lord of the harvest raise up such and put them into this great field.

But, thank God we are not left to ourselves. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost are enlisted to see us through this conflict. The gospel of Christ is a dynamic force, an active potential energy. God's word is not bound. It is still the sword that cuts and the fire that burns. Preached in its simplicity, it is still able to make us wise

unto salvation, and to save us from death. And then we have the efficient cooperation of the Holy Spirit. In our weakness, he is our power; in our ignorance, our wisdom; in our discouragement, our leader; in our defeats, our victory; in our death, our life. Endured with his power, our appointments are transformed from "death valley circuits" to resurrection charges. Our people will be elevated from common ever-day religion to the realm of the supernatural, the superabundant, the extraordinary. As preachers we will not only keep the Discipline in that "we do no harm" but will become storm-centers of holy power; able ministers, who being vitalized and energized from above become apostolic in our labors, Paul-like in our devotion and Christ-like in our character.

Finally we come to note our responsibility. With humiliation and deepest self-abasement we cry, "Who is sufficient for these things?" But our sufficiency is of God. He will help us. We must give ourselves more fully to him. Preachers, local and traveling, exhorters, class leaders, Sunday-school workers, the laity, one and all, we must lay ourselves out for God and salvation. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us," is the divine interrogation. What will be our response? We note with sorrow a loss of membership the past year. But your committee believe we have fully recovered from the depressing influence resultant from those who went out from us at the beginning of the year, and that our people are taking on courage and strength.

□ We believe that, under God, the foundation has been laid for gratifying and permanent prosperity for the future.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SAN JOSE DISTRICT											
Alameda	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 40	\$ 51 25		\$ 451 60	\$ 58 75		1	\$ 2000	1	\$2000
San Jose and Santa Clara		1 10	34 37		513 00	80 07	\$ 14 15	2	2200	2	1300
Gilroy and Paradise Valley			21 25		234 34	36 53	12 60				
Corralitos	3 75	3 05	46 81		508 78	120 20	17 70	1	2500	1	2000
Santa Rosa			12 83		* 119 15	27 96	5 00				
Pacheco						17 75		1	500	1	150
Brentwood						4 45					
IONE DISTRICT											
Oakdale	20	1 22	21 92		* 505 85	40 40	15 50	1	1500	1	500
Ione and Mt. Echo	2 55	5 00	22 03		502 50	55 75	34 42	1	2000	1	1000
Sutter Creek			5 00		35 61	11 00		1	400	1	250
Plymouth			9 10		80 10	21 90		1	400	1	250
Cosumne			15 10		231 29	34 55		1	1600		
Chico			23 94		† 247 88	32 65	8 20				
Sheldon					117 13	6 25					
Total	\$9 50	\$11 77	\$263 60		\$3542 23	\$537 81	\$107 57	10	\$13100	9	\$7450

Alameda for Woodstock Home, \$12.60; King's Helpers, \$25.

*General Missionary Board, \$20; †\$40.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

SAN JOSE AND IONE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
SAN JOSE DISTRICT																																
Alameda.....	G. W. Griffith, District Elder															23	3	26	1	1	1	11	50	8	\$ 8 40	\$ 5 04	\$ 9 80	\$ 4 20	\$ 2 80	\$13 00	\$ 54 65
San Jose and Santa Clara ..	F. H. Horton, supply.....															42	6	48	.....	1	8	40	6	12 00	7 20	14 00	6 00	4 00	.....	10 00	32 60
Gilroy and Paradise Valley.....	J. E. Cochran.....															20	1	21	1	2	8	56	11	5 40	3 24	6 30	2 70	1 80	\$2 70	4 62	1 00	
Corralitos.....	N. S. Honn, supply.....															53	9	62	5	1	10	80	10	18 00	10 80	21 00	9 00	6 00	.....	23 30	75 00
Santa Rosa.....	M. L. Winegarden.....															8	4	12	.....	1	4	25	2	4 20	2 62	4 90	2 10	63	.....	.....	4 60
Pacheco.....	N. Alice Philbert, supply.....															8	.....	8	.....	1	3	20	2	2 10	1 26	99	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....
Brentwood.....	Supplied.....															.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 10	90	70	75	11	.....	.....	.....
IONE DISTRICT																																
Oakdale.....	G. W. Griffith, District Elder															20	3	23	2	1	7	41	8	6 00	3 60	7 00	2 15	.....	.....	1 10	24 57
Ione and Mt Echo.....	C. H. Loomis.....															23	6	29	.....	2	7	33	5	7 50	4 50	8 75	3 75	2 50	.....	3 50	104 65
Sutter Creek.....	W. C. Graves.....															5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3 60	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	Supplied.....															9	2	11	.....	1	2	10	2	2 70	1 62	3 15	1 35	90	.....	.....	.....
Cosumne.....	E. Hadix, supply.....															19	2	21	.....	2	7	41	4	6 90	4 14	77	3 45	1 80	.....	5 13	.....
Chico.....	W. V. Burr, supply.....															22	1	23	.....	1	6	45	5	7 80	4 65	3 90	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	23 35
Sheldon.....	C. V. Carpenter.....															4	.....	4	.....	1	5	20	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raised at conference.....	W. J. Call, supply.....														
Total.....																256	37	293	11	6	14	78	461	65	\$86 70	\$51 66	\$82 26	\$43 05	\$28 70	\$2 70	\$60 65	\$320 42

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session, held at Mayville, North Dakota, July
2-6, 1902

OFFICERS

B. WINGET, President.

O. E. McCracken, Secretary.

W. H. Lawson, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, C. G. Heath, W. Barham.

On Publications—H. A. Spicer, W. H. Lawson, N. W. Isgrigg.

On State of the Work—C. G. Heath, Mrs. Thomas Heath.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Nominate a Board of Examiners for the Ensuing Year—B. Winget.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Sarah Northrup, Myra M. Wood.

On Sabbath-schools—Mrs. Thomas Heath, Mrs. J. Bowers.

On Reforms—F. A. Reeves, Charles Jarvis, W. W. Bemis.

On Education—W. S. Ballenger, A. G. Parks, W. Barham.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—James Greeno.

To Receive the Various Conference Funds—W. S. Ballenger.

Railroad Secretary—O. E. McCracken.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. Barham, C. G. Heath, W. S. Ballenger.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. G. Heath, W. S. Ballenger, A. G. Parks, James Greeno, Charles Jarvis.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Church Extension and General Superintendents'; third quarter, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. G. Heath,
W. A. Greenup,
F. A. Reeves,

A. G. Parks,
T. H. Marsh,
W. Barham,

Zeno Newell,
W. H. Lawson,
W. S. Ballenger,

G. Greenup,
H. A. Spicer,
O. E. McCracken.

DELEGATES

Charles Jarvis,
Sarah Northrup,
Rose Scott.

Mrs. Thomas Heath,
W. W. Bemis,

James Greeno,
M. M. Wood,

Mrs. J. Bowers,
N. W. Isgrigg,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, C. G. Heath, James Greeno.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Verne D. Poole.

4, 5, 6, 7. None.

8. Who have located this year? W. A. Greenup.

9, 10. None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. Barham, from the North Minnesota conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? T. H. Marsh, W. H. Lawson, Zeno Newell.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? In connection with a camp-meeting at Larimore, N. D., as near the last of June or first of July, 1903, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference, held at Mayville, North Dakota, in connection with our camp-meeting, was one of great blessing to both preachers and laity. The presence of the Lord was felt in the services.

Rev. B. Winget, our missionary secretary, was appointed by General Superintendent B. R. Jones to hold the conference. His advise with his preaching, and also that of Sister Winget, was accompanied with much of the Spirit. While some have moved to other States and others have fainted by the way we have nearly the same in numbers as last year. We all hope the coming year will be the best thus far in the history of the North Dakota conference.

APPOINTMENTS

RED RIVER DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder.

Fargo and Barrie.....	To be supplied
Gardner and Mayville.....	W. Barham, O. E. McCracken, assistant
Grand Prairie and Curtis schoolhouse.....	W. S. Ballenger, Minnie Lake, N. D.
Courtney, Glenfield and McHenry Town.....	H. A. Spicer, Courtney, "
Jamestown and Edmunds.....	V. D. Poole, Jamestown, "
Wilton and Steele.....	To be supplied

LARIMORE DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder.

Larimore and Park River.....	A. G. Parks, Larimore, N. D.
Crary and Nixon schoolhouse.....	F. A. Reeves, Crary, "
Chikota and Granville.....	To be supplied

W. A. Greenup was granted a certificate of location at his own request; E. G. Greenup left without an appointment.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportioned and paid, \$22.95.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Apportioned, \$15.30; paid, \$15.36.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARY.—Apportioned, \$27.54; paid, \$35.87.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$45.90.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—\$16.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—\$98.

II.—ON REFORMS.

Reform means to form again, and implies the existence of wrong. The church being the professed embodiment of righteousness she must fight against these wrongs.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—This is the most gigantic evil in the land. We see and hear of its evil effects everywhere. We pray that it may be removed, but it never will be until the church takes her stand as she ought against it and votes as she prays. God's law is prohibition of all crime, and the human law should be in harmony with God's law. We as fol

lowers of him can bring this law of prohibition into force if we will by voting as God would have us. You may think that you would only be throwing away your vote just now to vote the Prohibition ticket, but not so; the Prohibition party is the only party to-day that stands pledged to this end. Those who vote with this party say with their votes that they desire the death of the liquor power. This can not be overthrown by either of the old parties so long as they stand upon their present platforms, for the fact is clearly known that they are pledged to the liquor business. So for the sake of God and home and country come to the front, join the Prohibition party, vote as you pray, then will you have honor of God and man, and right will prevail.

FAMILY GOVERNMENT.—We think we need a reform in family government. We are sorry to see so many children of Free Methodist parents connect themselves with worldly churches. We think if parents would command their children and their households after them and train them up in the "way they should go" when they are old they will not depart from it. We are also sorry to see so many allowing their children to be continually going out and coming in and otherwise behaving unruly in the house of God during the time of worship, thus disturbing the pastor and his congregation. These things ought not to be so. We should see to it that our children are in the seat with us and behaving themselves in a becoming manner in the house of God. May we be impressed with the importance of bringing up our children for God.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—The Sabbath is ignored to an alarming extent. As a people we are decidedly opposed to the running of creameries, threshing machines, and other farm machinery on the Sabbath. We are also opposed to Sabbath baseball. We believe that God would have us put these evils down, and we can do it if we only will enforce the law, for we have the law on our side which says these things shall not run as they do. Sabbath entertainments and social gatherings at times are carried too far. Let us as a church be very careful on these lines or God will be displeased with us.

ON DRESS.—Let us keep to the Bible line of adornment and not try to see how nearly we can dress like the world and not feel condemned, for if we do this we shall soon find ourselves wearing what God would not have us wear.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—Oath bound secret societies are rapidly multiplying. In order to keep ourselves free to follow God in all things let us keep ourselves free from these deceptive, Christless organizations and work against them.

TOBACCO.—Tobacco is used to an alarming extent by many people professing Christianity in North Dakota. All churches should take a stand against this evil. The Bible teaches that we must cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit and perfect holiness in the fear of God. Look at the boys in our cities using tobacco who are from ten to fourteen years of age. Let us stand by the word of God and bring up our children in the way they should go, that when they become old they will not depart from it.

III.—THE STATE OF THE WORK.

We consider our people in a very good spiritual condition. During the year past many have received a very clear experience in the sanctifying grace of God and are letting their light so shine that others seeing their good works are being led to glorify their Father which is in heaven.

The work of God is spreading, and we have more calls for preaching than we can fill. Many Free Methodists from the southern and eastern States have moved into the western part of this State and are asking us to come over and help them. We have travelled over most of that country and we are very favorably impressed with the prospects. The soil is good and the people are generally industrious. We think they will be easily reached with the gospel.

There is great need of a new church at Wilton. The brethren there think if they could get help amounting to one hundred dollars from our older circuits that they could put up a church out of the native cotton-wood timber which would do to worship in for three or four years; then they could side it up and make a very neat little chapel out of it. We found a very spiritual and courageous class of Free Methodists north of Granville. They intend to build a new church there if God prospers them with a good crop. There has been a great lack of interest in attending our district meetings by both our preachers and official members with a few exceptions. However, we hope for better things from our brethren in the future.

Financially, our work is in a good condition as there is no indebtedness on any of our church property that we know of. All of our circuits we think will take care of their pastors well the coming year, with a little help from the General Mission Board. Some parts of our work have had a shortage in crops for the last three years, and consequently their means have been limited, but still they have stood nobly by the work of God.

There never was a time when a better spirit of harmony and love prevailed in our little conference among all our members and preachers than at the present. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

The Larimore mission work is in an encouraging condition as some of the old standbys have returned to the work there, and we believe they will see victory the coming year.

The mission work at Fargo needs a strong mission worker who can spend his or her whole time early and late visiting from house to house, praying with the people and holding street meetings, also one that can preach well and hold a good congregation. We must have this place supplied with such a worker. We suggest that you ask the General Mission Board for fifty dollars to help support the mission worker here.

While the work in Jamestown is much improved it is far from self supporting and we think best to ask for fifty dollars for the worker there. We think the time has come when Isa. 54: 2-5 can be applied to the North Dakota conference, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame; for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
RED RIVER DISTRICT											
Gardner.....			\$25 00		\$801 67	\$155 40		1	\$1000	1	\$ 500
Grand Prairie.....			21 45		700 00	125 00	\$20 00	1	1350	1	500
Fargo.....			5 00	\$1 75	400 00	36 17	18 00			1	
Jamestown.....			15 00		290 62	45 07	6 25	1	600	1	600
Glenfield and Edmonds.....			6 00		41 30	22 80				1	300
Wilton.....						23 40					
LARAMORE DISTRICT											
Mc Henry Co.....			6 42		506 22	13 80				1	
Crary.....			14 00		506 22	74 52	6 15			1	700
Larimore.....					267 90	63 05		1	1400		
Ark River.....					130 00						
Total.....			\$92 87	\$1 75	\$3142 21	\$559 21	\$45 40	4	\$4350	5	\$2600

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE--CONTINUED

RED RIVER AND LARIMORE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
RED RIVER DISTRICT																	
Gardner.....	C. G. Heath, District Elder	22	6	28	1	1	6	60	7	\$11 40	\$ 6 84	\$ 37 00	\$ 5 70	\$ 3 80	.....	.....	\$65 73
	T. H. Marsh																
Grand Prairie.....	W. H. Lawson.....	41	1	42	2	1	8	51	7	10 50	6 30	8 75	5 25	3 50	.....	\$ 3 50	4 00
	F. A. Reeves.....	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2 52	1 47	56 80	1 33	97	.....	.....	.....
Jamestown.....	V. D. Poole, supply.....	13	.....	13	1	1	8	20	4	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	10 45	12 13
Glenfield and Edmonds.....	H. A. Spicer.....	6	3	9	1	1	3	20	3	1 88	1 12	.....	93	72	.....	.....	.....
Wilton.....	.....	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LARIMORE DISTRICT																	
Mc Henry Co.....	C. G. Heath, District Elder	15	1	16	1	1	5	30	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	C. S. Shaver, supply.....																
Crary.....	W. S. Ballenger.....	14	1	15	1	1	8	30	4	6 90	4 14	4 05	3 30	2 30	.....	.....	3 55
Larimore.....	Zeno Newell.....	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	90	50	2 00	30	20	.....	.....	.....
Park River.....	A. G. Parks	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	1 10	1 00	1 10	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		139	12	151	2	6	38	211	40	\$88 20	\$23 27	\$111 10	\$19 51	\$13 50	.....	\$13 95	\$86 14

OREGON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Portland, Oregon, May 21-25,
1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

H. V. HASLAM, Secretary.

D. M. CATHEY, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, W. Pearce, W. E. Goode, H. V. Haslam.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Education—J. Glen, W. Pearce, M. D. Wilson.

On Publications—G. W. Bondurant, C. G. Rambo, Lizzie Newell.

On Reforms—D. J. Goode, W. Barrett, T. O. Allison.

On Sunday-schools—Uvilla C. Reese, E. I. Harrington, J. McLeod.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. Glen, T. H. Symms, J. H. Brown.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. G. Brisco.

To Receive Conference Moneys—T. H. Symms, G. W. Bondurant.

On the State of the Work—W. Pearce, W. E. Goode, A. E. Beven, M. D. Wilson.

On Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. Glen, president; E. I. Harrington, C. G. Rambo, J. Graham, W. Barrett.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. E. Goode, three years; H. V. Haslam, secretary, two years; W. Pearce, president, one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants'; third quarter, General Superintendents' and Conference Missions; fourth quarter, Foreign Missions and General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—J. Glen.

On Publications—W. Pearce.

On Reforms—H. V. Haslam.

On Sunday-schools—W. E. Goode.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Glen,
W. E. Goode,
J. G. Tunison,
G. W. Bondurant,

J. H. Brown,
J. J. Blair,
P. A. Scott,
W. Pearce.

W. Barrett,
D. J. Goode,
H. V. Haslam,

R. H. Dollarhide,
T. H. Symms,
E. I. Harrington,

DELEGATES

A. E. Beven,
Aura B. Goode,
T. O. Allison,
John Graham,
C. A. Willey,

C. G. Rambo,
J. McLeod,
C. G. Brisco,
Bertha Blair,
Herman Schulze.

Harry Kreider,
Uvilla C. Reese,
J. L. Guttry,
Clara Myers,

M. D. Wilson,
D. M. Cathey,
Lizzie Newell,
W. J. Bowerman,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, W. Pearce, W. E. Goode, D. M. Cathey, C. G. Rambo.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Henry Bowman, D. C. Newell, M. D. Wilson.
4. Who remain on trial? W. J. Johnston.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? G. W. Bondurant, E. I. Harrington.
7. None.
8. Who have located this year? N. C. Mower, R. Pettyjohn, J. W. Eldredge.
9. None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? D. J. Goode.
- 11, 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. None.
- 16-20, 23. See statistics and financial report.
21. None.
22. What amount is necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of delegates to the general conference? Fifteen cents per member.
24. See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Roseburg, Oregon, as near the first of May, 1903, as will suit the plans of the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

PORTLAND DISTRICT.—WILLIAM PEARCE, District Elder, Clackamas, Oregon.
 Portland, West Portland, Zlontown and Beaverton.....H. V. Haslam, 333 E. Ninth St., Portland, Oregon
 Central.....J. Glen, Dayton, "
 Gresham, Pleasant Valley, Sunnyside and Damascus.....D. M. Cathey, supply,
 Gresham, Oregon; W. J. Bowerman, supply, Sunnyside, Oregon.
 Forest Grove and Reedville.....G. W. Bondurant, Forest Grove, Oregon
 Bethany.....W. J. Johnston, Bethany, "
 J. G. Tunison, P. A. Scott, left without appointment.

SALEM DISTRICT.—WILLIAM PEARCE, District Elder.
 Salem and Aumsville.....T. H. Symms, Salem, Oregon
 Dayton, Newberg and Sherwood.....D. C. Newell, Dayton, "
 Woodburn, Scotts Mills and Meadowbrook.....C. H. Purcell, supply, Scotts Mills, "
 Falls City and Mill Creek.....Henry Bowman, Falls City, "
 Lacombe, Aberdeen and Albany.....E. I. Harrington, Lacombe, "
 Sodaville.....To be supplied
 Beaver and Blaine.....H. J. Blair; Malinda Blair, supply, Blaine, Oregon
 D. J. Goode, superannuated, Aumsville, Oregon.

EUGENE DISTRICT.—J. H. BROWN, District Elder.
 Eugene, Oakhill and Coburg.....R. H. Dollarhide
 Springfield and Thurston.....J. H. Brown, Springfield, Oregon
 Marcola, Wendling and Parson Creek.....Oscar Blair, supply, Marcola, "
 F. B. Creecy, supply, Springfield, Oregon.

GRANTS PASS DISTRICT.—W. E. GOODE, District Elder, Medford, Oregon.
 Grants Pass and Centennial school house....Uvilla C. Reese, supply, Grants Pass, Oregon
 Applegate, Williams Creek and Wilderville.....J. M. Reese, supply, Grants Pass, "
 Golden, Glendale and Placer.....Francis Smith, Walter Erwin, supplies
 Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddle....Mary H. Hickman, supply, Myrtle Creek, Oregon
 Roseburg.....W. Barrett, Roseburg, "
 Cottage Grove, Comstock and Scotts Valley.....
C. W. Myers, supply; L. A. Skeels, supply, Springfield, Oregon.

ASHLAND DISTRICT.—W. E. Goode, District Elder.

Ashland, Klamath Falls and Talent.....	C. G. Rambo, supply, Springfield, Oregon
Jacksonville.....	M. D. Wilson, Jacksonville, "
Eagle Point.....	A. W. Countryman, supply, Ashland, "
Medford.....	To be supplied

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mattie Brown.....	Springfield, Oregon
R. Pettyjohn.....	Newberg, "
J. A. Goode.....	327 E. 8th St., Portland, "
J. W. Eldredge.....	Sherwood, "
Harry Kreider.....	Forest Grove, "
B. L. Knoll.....	Clackamas, "
Mrs. Nancy E. Mason.....	Dayton, "
M. F. Greene.....	Comstock, "
J. H. Bogue.....	Myrtle Creek, "
M. C. Davis.....	Golden, "
C. A. Willey.....	Oregon City, "
A. Lingren.....	Central, "
Sidney Scott.....	Central, "
Mrs. Alma K. Pearce.....	Clackamas, "

MISCELLANEOUS

Four sittings of the conference were held. The most perfect harmony and unity of the Spirit prevailed throughout. The religious services were sessions of salvation and spiritual power, and a number of persons were either converted, reclaimed or sanctified. Superintendent Jones was wonderfully endowed with power in preaching the word, especially on Sunday morning, when the effect was indescribable, reminding us of Pentecost.

W. B. Olmstead the Sunday-school secretary was present as the representative of the Publishing House, and in the interest of Sunday-school work, and his presence and ministrations added much to the interest and enjoyableness of the occasion, and we believe the Publishing House will feel the effects of his visit hereafter. He held a meeting Friday afternoon in the interest of Sunday-schools and represented the Home Department work so effectively that the following resolution was passed by the conference on Saturday: "Resolved, That the Oregon conference hereby heartily endorses the Sunday-school Home Department work, represented by W. B. Olmstead yesterday, and the literature prepared for use in that work, and we earnestly recommend the adoption of it by the Sunday-schools of our church within the bounds of the conference."

The annual business meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held on Saturday afternoon, and the following officers were elected: Alma K. Pearce, president; Rachael M. Brisco and Aura B. Goode, vice-presidents; Hattie Wrage, secretary; Winnie J. Cathey, corresponding secretary; A. Lula Haslam, treasurer. A public missionary meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, presided over by Alma K. Pearce. W. B. Olmstead preached, and followed his sermon with a description of our work in the foreign fields. An offering was called for, and over \$67 in cash, and \$37 in subscriptions was raised in a short time. The society reports over \$416 raised last year, including a missionary box valued at \$70, and \$75 for the support of five orphans.

Resolutions of thanks were tendered the president, the secretaries, and the citizens who entertained the conference. A collection of \$2.75 was taken for the secretary.

The conference voted to ask an appropriation of \$150 from the General Missionary Board to this conference to be distributed by the district elders who constitute a conference missionary board.

Rev'd's W. B. Olmstead of the Michigan conference, B. F. Smalley and A. Beers of the Washington conference, and John Allen of the Berea Mission of this city were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

A. Beers represented the interests of Seattle Seminary and secured some \$220 in cash and subscriptions toward an endowment fund.

Collections amounting to \$70 were taken to defray the expenses of the conference, to make up deficiencies in conference collections, and to assist the preachers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I. ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportionment, \$105.

By cash and receipts, \$91.69. Deficiency (raised at conference), \$13.31. Total, \$105.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportionment, \$63.

By cash and receipts, \$53.55. Deficiency (raised at conference), \$9.45. Total \$63.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportionment, \$52.50.

By cash and receipts, \$39.26. Deficiency (raised at conference), \$13.24. Total \$52.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Apportionment, \$35.

By cash and receipts, \$26.51. Deficiency, \$8.49.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Apportionment, \$35.

By cash, \$32.50. Deficiency, \$2.50.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—By cash, \$22.21.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—By cash and receipt, \$5.35.

RAISED TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—\$19.

II. ON PUBLICATIONS.

This is a day of cheap literature and perversion of the press. The education of the rising generation is being carried on largely by unsaved and skeptical teachers, and the Bible is crowded out of our secular schools. The courses of reading suggested for the different grades are largely composed of works of fiction and in some instances are highly flavored with thought adverse to the teachings of our church. Parents who have observed the trend of this educational power with which we all have to do, are, or should be, exercised as to how to counteract the evils arising from such influences.

We believe an appetite may be formed for good reading by the young, and perhaps by the older, if such reading as delights, and yet instructs in channels suitable for developing moral and godly character be placed in their hands. To this end we would suggest that presents to our children, so often foolish and hurtful because unwisely chosen, be selected from authors whose reputation and character are godly; and further, that our own Publishing House be consulted when practicable. We are pleased to note that our Sunday-school literature under the able management of W. B. Olmstead, is pure and well suited to our children's needs, and we are glad our Sunday-school supplies come from our own Publishing House.

We appreciate the earnest labors of W. T. Hogue as editor of the *FREE METHODIST*, which we consider as first among Christian newspapers, and should be in the homes of all our people before any secular or other religious paper. *The Earnest Christian* is blessing many homes as are other Free Methodist publications.

We would recommend that our hymn books be used in our worship to the exclusion of other song books. Singing is an important part of the worship of God, and the hymns in the Free Methodist collection are inspiring, elevating and instructive.

III. ON EDUCATION.

It is said that a bar of iron worth one dollar, if it be refined, tempered and made into watch springs is worth one thousand dollars. An uneducated man, if God be with him, is a power for God and righteousness; but if refined and tempered by being properly educated, and his natural powers trained and developed, his influence for truth and righteousness is increased a thousand fold.

The value of our young people to the church and the world when trained and educated often proves greater than our highest expectations; and money spent for this purpose will yield rich returns.

No church, perhaps, pays as much for Christian education as our own in proportion to her means, and none we are sure maintains so high a moral and spiritual standard, both theoretically and practically.

Opportunities for securing an education were never so abundant as now, but it has come to pass that in the larger number of all the great institutions of learning infidel doctrines are sown in the hearts of the young, unfitting them for the work of God and the service of the church. Even our theological seminaries are fast becoming what Charles G. Finney terms "theological cemeteries," their professors joining with higher critics and evolu-

tionists; hence the greater necessity of thoroughly Christian schools, which are loyal to the teachings of the prophets, Jesus, and the apostles, schools where the Holy Spirit may come in showers upon the souls of all to preserve them *alive*, that they may go out into the world with intense and quickened thought to do battle for Christ and the church.

It is a matter of high gratification to us that we have such an institution on this coast and at our doors. We are thankful for its prosperity from the first until now. Let us help it with our prayers, our money, and with our young people as far as we are able.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PORTLAND DISTRICT											
Portland and West Portland.....			\$32 00		\$470 00	\$72 87	\$26 23	1	\$2000	1	\$1000
Central.....			30 00			59 32	47 85	1	900		
Gresham, Pleasant Valley, Hillsdale					54 65	59 55					
Sunnyside and Danascus.....			12 54			20 52		2	1700	1	650
Forest Grove and Reedville.....					108 00	30 10	20 00				
Bethany.....			7 59		98 91	24 00		1	500		
SALEM DISTRICT											
Salem and Aumsville.....			5 95		214 70	36 05					
Falls City and Mill Creek.....			6 00		199 28	24 00	3 00	1	500	1	300
Lacomb and Aberdeen.....			2 20		200 00	22 37	2 00	1	400	1	400
Daton, Newberg and Sherwood...	\$1 00	\$1 00	15 00		81 78	34 45		2	1400		
Albany.....					25 00	4 00					
Beaver and Blaine.....			4 39		115 31	15 70				1	200
Scotts Mills and Meadowbrook...					70 16	10 51					
Sodaville.....											
EUGENE DISTRICT											
Eugene, Irving and Oak Hill.....					1 50						
Springfield, Coburg and Thurston.					102 70	47 25		1	450	1	175
Isabel, Wendling and Parson Creek					75 85	34 15					
Saginaw and Cottage Grove.....							12 55				
Drain, Comstock and Scotts Valley						11 10					
Roseburg.....			18 00		90 75	50 30		1	500		
Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Riddle											
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT.											
Grants Pass and Centennial S. H..			121 00		12 50	20 60		1	300	1	200
Applegate, Williams Creek, etc....					40 00	4 00					
Golden and Merline.....						5 50					
Ashland and Klamath Falls.....					32 35	19 00					
Medford and Talent.....						56 10					
Total.....	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$145 71		\$1902 44	\$661 44	\$111 63	12	\$8650	7	\$2925

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE--CONTINUED

PORTLAND, SALEM, EUGENE AND GRANTS PASS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PORTLAND DISTRICT																		
Portland and West Portland.....	William Pearce, District Elder	34	14	48	2	1	2	10	50	7	\$9 90	\$5 94	\$3 30	\$4 95	\$3 30	\$4 95	.....	\$32 88
Central.....	H. V. Haslam.....	34	6	30	2	1	1	7	50	6	6 40	4 25	1 80	3 30	1 80	2 70	.....	68 45
Gresham, Pleasant Valley & Hillsdale.....	C. A. Wiley, supply.....	26	4	30	2	1	1	5	25	6	3 20	4 32	2 40	3 60	2 40	2 70	.....	14 58
Sunnyside and Damascus.....	D. M. Cathey, supply.....	15	2	17	2	1	1	5	25	6	3 30	1 98	1 10	1 65	1 10	1 65	.....	12 55
Forest Grove and Redville.....	V. G. Bowerman, supply.....	13	4	17	2	1	1	5	25	6	3 30	1 98	1 10	1 65	1 10	1 65	.....	12 55
Bethany.....	W. J. Johnston.....	13	1	14	1	1	1	7	14	1	3 60	2 16	1 20	1 80	1 20	1 80	.....	12 55
SALEM DISTRICT																		
Salem and Aumsville.....	William Pearce, District Elder	22	2	24	2	1	1	5	20	6	4 50	2 70	1 50	2 25	1 50	2 25	.....	21 08
Tralls City and Mill Creek.....	R. H. Dollarhide.....	20	1	21	1	1	1	5	15	4	6 00	3 60	1 00	3 40	1 00	2 40	.....	1 35
Lacey and Aberdeen.....	T. H. Symms.....	25	2	27	1	1	1	5	15	4	6 30	3 78	2 10	3 15	2 10	3 15	.....	4 75
Dayton, Newberg and Sherwood.....	E. J. Harrington.....	28	2	30	2	1	1	6	15	7	8 40	5 04	2 80	4 20	2 80	4 20	.....	6 82
Albany.....	D. C. Newell, supply.....	8	1	9	1	1	1	5	20	3	9 10	5 55	3 1	4 20	3 1	4 20	.....	11 65
Beaver and Blaine.....	H. J. Blair, Malinda Blair, sup.	19	1	20	1	1	1	5	20	3	5 70	3 36	87	36	36	87	.....	6 00
Scotts Mills and Meadowbrook.....	C. H. Purcell, supply.....	13	3	16	1	1	1	5	20	3	3 96	2 16	1 48	1 20	1 20	1 48	.....	2 00
Sodaville.....	Supplied.....	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 30	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
EUGENE DISTRICT																		
Eugene, Irving and Oak Hill.....	W. E. Goode, District Elder	10	10	20	2	2	2	2	2	3	1 88	72	40	60	40	.....	.....	10 75
Springfield, Coburg and Thurston.....	Oscar Blair, supply.....	32	2	34	4	2	1	6	20	4	4 14	2 64	2 64	2 14	2 14	.....	2 00	.....
Isabel, Wendling and Parson Creek.....	J. H. Brown.....	9	9	18	1	1	1	1	1	2	2 00	1 62	1 35	90	90	.....	.....	.....
Saginaw and Cottage Grove.....	Supplied.....	7	7	14	1	1	1	1	1	2	2 00	1 00	50	1 00	70	.....	.....	.....
Drain, Comstock and Scotts Valley.....	M. F. Green, supply.....	6	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roseburg.....	Mary H. Hickman, supply.....	11	5	16	1	1	1	8	30	4	2 40	1 44	80	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddle.....	J. H. Bogue, supply.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT																		
Grants Pass and Centennial S. H.....	W. E. Goode, District Elder	16	3	19	1	1	1	5	20	3	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Applegate, Williams Creek, etc.....	Uvilla C. Reese, supply.....	6	6	12	2	2	2	2	2	1	1 50	75	50	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Golden and Merline.....	J. M. Reese, supply.....	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashland and Klamath Falls.....	M. C. Davis, supply.....	7	5	12	3	3	3	3	3	2	3 30	1 98	1 10	1 10	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Medford and Talent.....	A. W. Countryman, supply.....	13	13	26	1	1	1	1	1	5	3 30	1 38	1 10	1 10	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Individual.....	M. D. Wilson, supply.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 31	18	7 55	15	10	.....	.....	.....
Raised by the conference.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 45	7 55	13 24	.....	.....	.....	67 67
Total.....	.....	388	52	440	31	513	69	279	88	105 00	\$105 00	\$63 00	\$32 50	\$52 60	\$28 51	\$22 21	\$6 35	\$271 75

Raised for support of India Orphans, \$75.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Tacoma, Washington, April 23-27, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

ALEXANDER BEERS, Secretary,

W. W. DEXTER, Assistant Secretary.

C. W. SHAY, Treasurer.

A. BEERS, Transportation Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, B. F. Smalley, C. S. McKinley.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Education—A. Beers, C. W. Shay, E. L. Smith.

On Sunday-schools—James Eva, A. N. West, C. E. McReynolds, M. E. Dutton.

On Temperance—A. N. West, James Eva, E. L. Smith, S. P. Westfield, John Spencer.

On Publications—C. W. Shay, S. P. Westfield, A. C. Milton, John Spencer.

On Reforms—B. F. Smalley, C. S. McKinley, W. Meacham, J. Burrows.

On State of the Work—B. F. Smalley, C. W. Coules.

To Nominate Trustees for Seattle Seminary—A. Beers.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—P. H. Griggs, A. H. Anderson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. L. Smith, C. W. Shay, B. F. Smalley, A. Beers.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. E. McReynolds, A. Beers, B. F. Smalley, John Spencer, J. D. Grantham.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—C. W. Shay.

On Publications—C. E. McReynolds.

On Reforms—A. Beers.

On Sunday-schools—James Eva.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

B. F. Smalley,
E. L. Smith,
William Boddy,
W. C. Meacham,
E. H. Stayt,
C. W. Shay.

James Eva,
J. M. Scott,
A. N. West,
J. S. Bradley,
P. H. Griggs,

C. S. McKinley,
W. W. Dexter,
S. P. Hale,
S. A. Milton,
C. G. Stayton,

G. G. Edwards,
C. E. McReynolds,
A. Beers,
S. P. Westfield,
G. W. Wheelon,

DELEGATES

Peter Huddle,
J. Wilder,
A. H. Anderson,
M. Harvey,
M. E. Bonner.

M. E. Dutton,
Emma Perry,
John Tuttle,
J. Burrows,

A. Green,
G. R. Coules,
E. K. Moulden,
Anna Woods,

J. O. McGee,
John Spencer,
J. D. Grantham,
J. E. Grey,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, B. F. Smalley, J. Burrows.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Jules Ryff, W. W. Loomis, G. W. Esher.

4. Who remain on trial? M. C. Clarke, J. Bradley.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? George Edwards.

6. Who are the deacons? George G. Edwards, S. P. Hale, C. N. Bertels, E. H. Stayt. Local deacons—J. T. Boddy, R. M. Reid, H. H. Pease, C. B. Carlton, John Spencer.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. W. Dexter.
8. Who have located this year? E. H. Stayt, at his own request.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.
10. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. M. Scott.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? G. W. Wheelon, from the Oregon conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. S. Bradley, John Bradley.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? In the Second Free Methodist church at Seattle, Washington, as near the first week in April, 1903, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rev. B. R. Jones preached with much liberty, freshness and power.

Rev. T. H. Marsh preached a very impressive sermon on the subject of missions, after which a liberal collection was taken. The conference was characterized by much of the divine presence. The business was transacted with harmony and dispatch. A very successful meeting was held in the interest of Seattle Seminary, and a generous freewill offering taken for the same.

The reports of the ministers showed a healthy growth throughout the entire conference. The report of the W. F. M. S. showed this to have been the banner year with them. A collection of twenty-five cents per member was ordered taken during the first quarter for home missions.

The Tacoma friends entertained the conference most royally.

The conference collections were ordered taken in the following order: First quarter, General Superintendents' salary; second quarter, Church Extension and General Missions; third quarter, Conference Olaimants'; fourth quarter, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.

APPOINTMENTS

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT.—B. F. SMALLEY, District Elder.

Seattle (First church)	Alexander Beers
Seattle (Second church)	C. E. McReynolds
Seattle (Third church)	A. N. West
Buckley and Lake Tapps	E. L. Smith
Tacoma and Parkland	C. S. McKinley
Centralia	James Eva
Bay Center and South Bend	George Edwards
Ballard	W. W. Loomis
Edmonds and Cedar Valley	G. W. Esher
Everett	T. H. Marsh, supply
Snohomish	S. L. Helm, supply
Mt. Vernon	S. P. Hale
Whatcom and Nooksack	William Boddy
Arlington	W. C. Meacham
Blaine and Goodhope	P. H. Griggs
Pleasant Valley	Harriet Teagarden, supply

ELLENSBURG DISTRICT.—B. F. SMALLEY, District Elder.

Roslyn C. W. Shay
 Cle Elum W. W. Dexter
 Sunnyside S. P. Westfield
 Ellensburg and Teanaway To be supplied
 J. M. Scott, superannuated; S. E. Milton, left without appointment at his own request.
 O. N. Bertels, student in University of California; G. W. Wheelon, evangelist; M. C. Clarke, missionary to India; E. H. Stayt, granted certificate of location, at his own request; Jules Ryff, left without appointment, with view of going as missionary to India; J. S. Bradley and John Bradley, given certificate of standing with a view of transfer.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PUGET SOUND & ELLENSBURG DIST.											
Seattle (First Church).....			\$72 00		\$745 00	\$33 00	\$50 00	1	\$ 4500	1	\$3500
Seattle (Second Church).....		\$2 38	78 75		984 75	90 00	33 00				
Seattle (Third Church).....			64 60		420 12	72 89	15 00	1	700	1	900
Buckley and Lake Tapps.....		2 00	25 70		277 00	33 56	27 20	1	800	1	400
Tacoma and Parkland.....			25 35		384 81	40 05	50 00	1	800		
Blaine and Good Hope.....			13 60		385 95	50 00	7 00	1	2000	1	500
Snohomish and Monroe.....		1 00	20 98		74 25	18 26		1	1000	1	800
Pleasant Valley.....					70 00						
Bay Center and South Bend.....			17 08		183 60	53 40		1	200	1	50
Roslyn and Cle Elum.....			37 73	50	636 51	45 06	27 96	1	2000	1	600
Whatcom and Nooksack.....					67 25		45 13	1	600		
Arlington.....	2 30		36 22		462 82	36 06	1 70	1	1000	1	250
Everett.....	2 30		47 78		747 60	61 79		1	2600	1	600
Mt. Vernon.....			10 00		200 00			1	600	1	400
Edmonds and Cedar Valley.....			27 16		200 00	32 50		1	500		
Ellensburg and Teanaway.....			7 00		170 00	22 10	20 35	1	600	1	500
Sunnyside.....			10 00			22 11					
Centralia.....			27 20		252 00	26 80	7 00	1	1000		
Total.....	..	\$9 98	\$521 15	\$0 50	\$6221 66	\$637 58	\$284 34	15	\$18900	11	\$8500

Raised for Seattle Seminary \$293 67.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session, held at Los Angeles, California.

June 25-29, 1902.

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

DAVID McLEOD, Secretary.

J. K. FREELAND, Assistant Secretary.

E. E. ELY, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—C. B. Ebey, D. G. Shepard, E. Leonardson.

On Public Worship—E. Leonardson, James Seals, D. G. Shepard.

On State of the Work—E. Leonardson, James Seals, D. G. Shepard, F. J. Heil, P. H. Hammond, Lydia Pierce.

On Sabbath-schools—Elizabeth Albright, Marian Ford Cook, Mary C. Bundy, Mary Moody, Ellen Burkholder.

On Publications—S. R. Gittins, James Seals, E. G. Albright, E. C. Shipley, Benjamin Chubbic.

On Reforms—C. B. Ebey, D. G. Shepard, E. E. Ely, J. S. B. Nickel, W. H. Tucker, E. Cook, J. M. Cusick.

On Education—J. K. Freeland, L. C. Ebey, F. A. Ames, A. B. Gill, F. J. Heil, William Blumfield, J. W. Wortman.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—William Burkholder, F. A. Ames, M. N. Huston.

On Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—The stationing committee.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—T. B. Fisher, F. T. Allen.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—S. R. Gittins.

On Publications—C. B. Ebey.

On Reforms—E. Leonardson.

On Education—D. G. Shepard.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. G. Shepard, for three years; C. B. Ebey, for two years; E. Leonardson, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. B. Ebey, president; Elsworth Leonardson, secretary; M. C. Sperrow, D. G. Shepard, F. J. Heil.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. B. Ebey,
James Seals,
N. S. Honn,
F. A. Ames,
David McLeod,
T. B. Fisher,

J. B. Roberts,
S. R. Gittins,
L. C. Ebey,
D. G. Shepard,
W. G. Lopeman,
E. G. Albright,

A. B. Gill,
J. K. Freeland,
S. F. Heilman,
W. I. Lively,
E. Leonardson,
M. N. Huston.

William Burkholder,
E. E. Ely,
O. Gornall,
E. Cook,
Clyde R. Ebey,

DELEGATES

E. C. Shipley,
Ellen Burkholder,
Benjamin Chubbic,
William Bloomfield,
J. S. B. Nickel,
Marian Ford Cook,
J. M. Cusick,
P. H. Hammond,
F. T. Allen,

Elizabeth Albright,
W. H. Tucker,
F. T. Stansberry,
Mary C. Bundy,

Lydia J. Pearce,
Mary Moody,
F. J. Heil,
J. W. Wortman,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, E. Leonardson, James Seals, D. G. Shepard, F. J. Heil, Mary Bundy, Lydia Pierce.
4. Who remain on trial? T. J. Hafley.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? S. F. Heilman, Clyde R. Ebey, W. I. Lively.
6. Who are the deacons? E. G. Albright, S. F. Heilman, Clyde R. Ebey, W. I. Lively.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? M. N. Huston.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Edward Cook, an elder from East Michigan conference; J. K. Freeland, an elder from the South Dakota conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? L. C. Ebey.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? T. J. Hafley, on trial in the conference, N. S. Honn.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? Place left with the following committee: D. G. Shepard, C. B. Ebey, James Seals, David McLeod, J. M. Cusick, F. J. Heil; time as near the middle of May, 1903, as will suit the plans of the general superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS

Five sittings of the conference were held in connection with the camp-meeting in Sycamore Grove. The saints were edified and blessed under the preaching of Brothers B. R. Jones and W. B. Olmstead.

The following were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: F. H. Horton of the California conference; W. B. Olmstead of the Michigan conference; Edward Cook of the East Michigan conference; the preachers on trial in this conference, Ada Pearce, supply at Phoenix, Arizona, and several ministers from other churches.

The conference collections were ordered taken as follows: First Quarter, Home Missions, 25 cents per member; second quarter, General Missions, 15 cents per member; third quarter, General Superintendents', Church Extension, 10 cents per member; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'; collection for Foreign Missions, General Conference Delegates' Expenses, 15 cents per member. Watch the *Free Methodist* for amount of collections not given.

The stationing committee of the Southern California conference recommended that the following request for appropriations from the General Missionary Board be made, which request on motion of the conference was approved: To the pastor of the Santa Paula circuit, \$50; to the pastor of the Monrovia circuit, \$50; to the pastor of the Tulare and Lakeside circuit, \$25; to the district elder of the Hanford and San Luis Obispo districts, 50; to the district elder of the Arizona and New Mexico district, \$100; to the pastor of the San Marcial circuit, \$50; to the pastor of the Cline and Livingston circuit, \$25.

The committee on Claims and Claimants of the Southern California conference recommended that M. N. Huston be placed on the superannuated list with a claim of \$90. On motion the conference approved of the recommendation.

The following preamble and resolution was presented and on motion adopted:

WHEREAS, The Southern California conference being a missionary conference in missionary territory; and,

WHEREAS, We have each year called upon our General Missionary Board for aid for our weak charges, the board having cheerfully and liberally aided us; and,

WHEREAS, The work in New Mexico having developed in the direction of the Mexican people, and Rev. O. Gornall feeling called to labor exclusively among this people, therefore

Resolved, That we petition our General Missionary Board to include the work in New Mexico with our foreign missionary appropriations and thus relieve our conference of the burden of this extra missionary demand upon us as a conference.

APPOINTMENTS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.—D. G. SHEPARD, District Elder, 902 San Pedro St., Los Angeles, California.

Los Angeles.....	J. K. Freeland, 608 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, California	
Pasadena and Lamanda Park.....	O. B. Ebey, 306 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena,	"
Artesia.....	S. R. Gittins, Norwalk,	"
Compton and Long Beach.....	Clyde R. Ebey, 816 Kohler St., Los Angeles,	"
Whittier and La Habra.....	F. A. Ames, Whittier,	"
Santa Ana.....	E. Leonardson, 515 Fruit St., Santa Ana,	"
Bolsa.....	A. B. Gill, Bolsa,	"
Monte Vista.....	J. F. Wornam, Sunland,	"
Monrovia.....	W. H. Burkholder, Monrovia,	"
Santa Paula.....	J. B. Roberts, Santa Paula,	"
San Diego.....	E. G. Albright, San Diego,	"
Santa Monica and Sawtelle.....	T. B. Fisher, Santa Monica,	"

M. N. Huston, superannuated; Edward Cook, supernumerary; W. I. Lively, left without an appointment to attend Seattle Seminary.

HANFORD DISTRICT.—JAMES SEALS, District Elder, Hanford, California.

Hanford.....	To be supplied
Eureka and Kingsburg.....	E. E. Ely, Hanford, California
Tulare and Lakeside.....	O. W. Addington, supply, Tulare,
G. W. Lopeman, left without appointment.	

SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT.—JAMES SEALS, District Elder.

Arroyo Grande, Nipoma and Santa Maria.....	Mary C. Bundy, supply
Paso Robles.....	To be supplied

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO DISTRICT.—DAVID McLEOD, District Elder, Prescott, Arizona.

San Marcial, New Mexico.....	O. Gornall, San Marcial, New Mexico
Phoenix.....	S. F. Heilman, Phoenix, Arizona
Liberty and Gila Bend.....	F. A. Smith, Liberty,
Prescott.....	To be supplied
Cline and Livingston.....	E. A. Blackmeer, Cline, Arizona
T. J. Hafley, given certificate of standing in view of transfer.	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS.

Reforms in order to be permanent must be founded upon the word of God and be brought about through the agency of unselfish, heroic, God-fearing men and women.

Reformers are never in the majority. They are never correctly understood, properly appreciated or adequately honored until after they are dead.

He who would be a true reformer must consent to bear the opposition of sinful, selfish, sordid men. He must bid good-bye to smiles, to honeyed words, to life's luxuries and delights. He must have his feet planted upon the granite of God's immutable truth, his eye fixed upon a mark unseen by sinful, Christless worldings. He must have hands clean from any and every bribe; ears closed to every trumpet of uncertain sound; his nostrils so free from sinful catarrhal impediment as to enable him to catch the faintest odors of corruption whether in church or state; his loins must be girt about with truth; in short he must be a man, yea, a man of God, one who is willing to wait for his reward until the crowning day.

The Free Methodist church is known as a reform church. She rightly seeks to reform

society by reforming the individual members thereof. She is found in opposition, and justly so, to everything which stands in the way of man's reformation, salvation and immortalization.

We recognize that organized, oath-bound, secret societies are in existence contrary to the word of God, and that they are the embodiment of selfishness, hence merit the condemnation of all true Christians. How enlightened men professing to follow in the footsteps of him who in secret said nothing, can take the blood-curdling oaths and submit to the silly performances required of her semi-dude candidates for initiation is a mystery far beyond the mysteries of which she vainly boasts.

The Free Methodist church, living in the sunshine of God's favor and maintaining the principles of righteousness taught in the word of God, feels to oppose by loving persuasion and legal force that sum of all villainies, the legalized rum traffic. She pities the victim of strong drink. She groans as she sees him give to the wife of his youth the fatal blow, and groans more deeply still as she watches him smite aside the loving children who attempt to rescue her who gave them birth and mother's milk. Her tender hand brushes aside the tears of her motherless children.

She looks upon the noble form of a young man who but for rum would be filling an honorable position in life, as he stands upon the fatal scaffold ready to be launched into eternity. Her ear catches the groans and wails of the tens of thousands of voices which issue forth from almshouses and prison cells. She asks, Who causes, who permits, who votes for this? At once a procession long passes by. In its columns dense are found, side by side, the keeper of the harlots' den and he who smilingly stands before the innocent children in your Sabbath-school and tells them of purity and heaven, the bloated brewer and man in black who Sabbath by Sabbath descants upon loving our neighbor as ourselves, and the man who deals out to his fellows whisky red, along with bishop smooth and soft, with spine extracted and God's fear gone. We ask who are these and whence go they? Ah, they are wise and grand and noble republicans and democrats on their way to the polls to cast their votes for the perpetuation of this demon traffic. As she gazes on the crowd so large and powerful, she cries, How long, O God, how long! And as these men look upon us in our unequal struggle and say, "You never can succeed," she remembers the Red sea, the sun standing still upon Gibeon; she remembers Calvary; she thinks of 1861-5, and watches the shackles fall from a million of men. She remembers right and justice, and truth and love, and mercy and heaven and God, and cries, "We will battle on until we die or see this hellish monster driven from our land." Our conference, thank God, composed entirely of men who vote for prohibition, needs simply to say, We will walk by the same rule, we will mind the same things.

We would enter our most solemn protest against the present republican administration allowing legalized prostitution in the Philippines, and against the inhuman modes of warfare allowed by our troops on those islands. We thank God for the *New Voice* and its noble editor, John G. Woolley, and will ever pray that its unpopular work of exposing corruption at Washington and abroad may continue until such unpleasant work be no longer needed. The California *Voice* for Californians is a necessity. Rev. — Phillips, its editor, is making a noble fight and shall have our prayers and practical support.

Increased Sabbath desecration is witnessed with sadness. Let us carefully and conscientiously avoid riding upon railway, electric or horse cars on God's day. Let us refrain from all ordinary labor on the Sabbath except it be of necessity or of mercy, and plan for just as little of that which is of necessity as possible.

Let us guard carefully against those small departures from the plain path of righteousness which makes reforms a necessity. Let us keep plain and simple in our attire, and wherein any departure from the word of God or our Discipline has taken place reform at once, and the God of reforms will continue to smile upon, bless and use us.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

This is an age and country in which nearly every one can read. Cities, towns, villages, and school districts have their libraries. Even small villages have their weekly newspaper, and places of greater importance have their dailies. It is a most lamentable fact that trashy and impure literature which poisons the minds of our young people and all who read it is scattered over our land. Error is being industriously propagated and is so skilfully disguised as to deceive the unwary. Books of all kinds are being multiplied. The young and inexperienced are in great danger of being led astray.

We are glad that we have a publishing house from which issues a pure literature, and we are safe in putting its publications into our homes. We rejoice that the *Free Methodist* and the *Earnest Christian* have so often stood in the front of the battle as faithful exponents of practical holiness, and in denouncing the popular sins of the day. We as a conference feel that they should take a more definite stand on voting prohibition, and believe that our editors should be men who will always vote a ticket that the saloon-keeper hates and not be afraid to let it be known. We would also recommend that our people take the *Missionary Tidings* and include it in their Sunday-school supplies.

It has been said that the life or biography of a good man is food for the soul, and in

this connection we are glad to note that our Publishing House is bringing out some cheap editions of Wood's "Perfect Love," "Life of Redfield," etc., as well as the biographies of the early Methodists, which are quite inspiring. We believe our Sabbath-school supplies are the best there are.

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT											
Los Angeles, Sixth Street.....	\$1 11	\$3 10	\$46 03	.....	\$658 48	\$76 32	\$45 00	1	\$2000	1	\$1500
Pasadena.....	.....	3 00	40 50	.....	367 70	45 82	.....	1	2000	1	800
Artesia and Compton.....	.....	.....	10 40	.....	230 00	23 50	22 60	1	300	1	150
Whittier and La Habra.....	1 00	1 00	17 25	.....	245 00	34 60	50 20	2	2500	.....	.....
Santa Ana.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	584 11	91 20	37 92	1	1600	1	1800
Bolsa and Fountain Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81 34	17 35	.....	1	100	1	150
Monte Vista and Toluca.....	1 33	.....	.....	.....	163 95	7 70	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Monrovia.....	.....	.....	4 29	.....	88 50	11 40	53 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Santa Monica and Sawtelle.....	.....	.....	21 23	.....	307 18	24 65	.....	1	200	.....	.....
Santa Paula.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	9 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SAN DIEGO DISTRICT											
San Diego and Escondido.....	.....	.....	15 51	.....	293 25	35 00	32 00	1	800	.....	.....
HANFORD DISTRICT											
Hanford.....	.....	.....	5 49	.....	160 75	25 00	20 00	.....	.....	1	100
Eureka and Kingsburg.....	.....	.....	26 46	.....	230 51	21 00	17 00	1	800	1	250
Tulare.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	13 60	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT											
Paso Robles.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	36 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arroyo Grande.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 65	32 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO DIST.											
San Marcial, N. M.	1 95	.....	16 13	.....	160 00	33 51	.....	1	300	.....	.....
Phoenix and Peoria.....	.....	.....	13 70	.....	263 03	61 40	5 00	1	3900	1	450
Liberty and Gila.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	218 55	40 00	15 00	1	1000	1	200
Prescott.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246 00	11 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Livingston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	113 30	15 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cline, Payson and Angora.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	173 50	19 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$6 89	\$7 10	\$230 99	.....	\$4680 80	\$687 05	\$302 72	14	\$15900	9	\$5400

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, HANFORD, SAN LUIS OBISPO, ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societies	
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT																																
Los Angeles, Sixth Street	E. Leonardson, District Elder															51	7	58	4	2	1	10	60	17	\$13.50	\$9.52	\$11.25	\$6.75	\$4.50	\$2.75	\$187.84	
Pasadena	David McLeod															26	3	29	1	1	1	6	35	15	8.10	4.80	6.75	4.05	2.70	3.05	8.20	
Artesia and Compton	S. F. Helman															24	1	25	1	1	1	4	12	9	6.60	3.80	5.95	2.30	1.70	3.80	8.20	
Whittier and La Habra	S. R. Gittins															24	6	30	1	2	2	10	44	9	17.10	10.36	14.25	8.55	2.70	3.05	8.20	
Santa Ana	F. A. Ames															57	4	63	2	1	1	10	53	11	3.90	2.34	1.75	1.05	1.70	1.05	43.09	
Bolsa and Fountain Valley	C. B. Ebey															8	1	9	2	1	1	4	30	2	2.10	1.26	1.75	1.05	1.70	1.05	43.09	
Monte Vista and Toluca	A. E. Gill															9	4	13	2	3	1	1	10	2	3.30	1.98	2.75	1.65	1.10	1.65	43.09	
Monrovia	S. B. Nickel, supply															19	5	24	2	1	1	6	25	5	3.30	1.98	2.75	1.65	1.10	1.65	43.09	
Santa Monica and Sawtelle	T. B. Fisher															7	1	8	2	1	1	6	25	1	3.30	1.98	2.75	1.65	1.10	1.65	43.09	
Santa Paula																																
SAN DIEGO DISTRICT																																
San Diego and Escondido	E. Leonardson, District Elder															18		18		1	4	15	6	6.80	3.76	5.25	3.15	2.10	1.40	3.25		
HANFORD DISTRICT																																
Hanford	J. B. Roberts, Nora Roberts, sup- James Seals, District Elder															11		11		1		7	72	4	3.00	1.80	2.50	1.50	1.00	1.50		
Eureka and Kingsburg	W. G. Lopeman															13		13		1	1	7	72	4	8.60	2.16	3.00	1.80	1.20	1.80		
Tulare																7	1	8				2	2	2.10	1.26	1.75	1.05	1.70	1.05			
SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT																																
Paso Robles	James Seals, District Elder															18		18		1			3	7.00	3.06	7.25	2.09	1.50	1.20			
Arroyo Grande	M. C. Bundy, supply															9		9		1			4	2.40	1.44	2.00	1.20	1.80	1.20			
ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO DISTRICTS																																
San Marcial, N. M.	D. G. Shepard, District Elder															9	3	12		1			1	1.28	72	1.00	60	40				
Phoenix and Peoria	Oliver Gornall															14	3	17		1	1	4	30	5	3.00	1.80	2.50	1.50	1.00			
Liberty and Glia	Ada Pearce															19	4	23		1	1	9	25	4	6.00	3.96	5.50	3.30	2.20	3.00		
Prescott	E. G. Albright															6		6		5	1	1	1	1.20	72	1.00	60	40				
Livingston	William Burkholder															8		8				1	1	1.20	72	1.00	60	40				
Cline, Payson and Angora	T. J. Hatley															9	3	12				3	3	4.50	2.70	5.30	1.50	2.25				
Cline, Payson and Angora	W. I. Lively															9	3	12				3	3	4.50	2.70	5.30	1.50	2.25				
Total																367	44	411	18	14	13	75	417	108	\$101.88	\$61.24	\$84.55	\$46.79	\$33.85	\$19.75	\$14.45	\$22.63

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Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at Colorado Springs, Colorado,
August 6-9, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

J. I. COUNCIL, Secretary.

FRANK DUPREE, Assistant Secretary.

G. A. LOOMIS, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—The president, district elders and the pastor at Colorado Springs.

On the State of the Work—The district elders and G. M. Rowley.

On Publications—A. J. McKinney, H. A. Crouch.

On Secret Societies—G. A. Loomis, J. W. Glazier, G. M. Rowley.

On Sunday-schools—Frank DuPee, W. W. Jellison, Hannah Hazen.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. F. Walker.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. J. McKinney, S. Matthews.

On Reforms—G. A. Loomis, J. W. Glazier, G. M. Rowley, M. Fraker, W. R. Meyers.

On Memoirs—J. F. Garrett, A. J. McKinney, J. I. Council, H. A. Crouch.

On Ministerial Relations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, G. M. Rowley, H. A. Crouch.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. F. Garrett, for three years; A. J. McKinney, for two years; W. W. Jellison, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. J. McKinney, Frank DuPee, Marion Fraker, J. W. Glazier, G. M. Rowley.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; Conference Missions, a sum equal to twenty-five cents per member to be forwarded as soon as taken to the district elders, to be applied by them where most needed; second quarter, Foreign Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Lizzie R. Lammie, president, Howard, Colorado; Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, corresponding secretary, Longmont, Colorado; Mrs. Minnie Warren, recording secretary, 320 S. Institute, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Miss Hattie J. Handy-side, treasurer, Colorado City, Colorado.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. F. Garrett,
J. I. Council,
W. W. Jellison,
J. E. Outland,
Frank DuPee,
H. G. Green,

T. H. Vipond,
W. W. Dickson,
J. W. Marshall,
S. G. Roper,
A. N. Kennedy,
G. W. Yoder,

G. A. Loomis,
J. W. Glazier,
J. A. Hopper,
J. F. Walker,
A. J. McKinney,
A. G. Galbraith.

W. T. Warren,
J. A. DaFoe,
O. B. Langdon,
P. G. Sandy,
E. F. Stewart,

DELEGATES

F. E. Carmack.	Daisy Allison.	H. A. Crouch.	W. R. Meyers,
Hannah J. Hazen.	S. Matthews.	G. M. Rowley.	Sterling Cawfield.
John Johnson,	Marion Fraker,	Samuel Timson.	Henry Jones,
Lizzie West,	M. M. Resor.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, G. M. Rowley, H. A. Crouch.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. O. Hockett.
4. Who remain on trial? G. B. Lane, W. B. Kerby.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? S. G. Roper, J. F. Walker, P. G. Sandy, F. F. Stewart, G. W. Yoder.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? H. G. Green, at his own request with his membership fixed at Canon City.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. T. Warren, C. B. Langdon, A. G. Galbraith.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? None.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? A. G. Galbraith, ■ traveling elder from the Texas conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? A. N. Kennedy, under complaints.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Thomas Larsen, a probationer.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and all except A. N. Kennedy were passed.
15. Who have died this year? W. W. Dickson, T. H. Vipond.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical reports.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. E. H. Vipond, \$75; Mrs. Hannah Risheill, \$50.
- 22, 23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Denver, Colorado, at such time in August, 1903, as will suit the general superintendent holding the same.

APPOINTMENTS

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. F. GARRETT, District Elder, 1780 S. Washington St., Denver, Colorado

Denver	A. J. McKinney, 320 S. Water St., Denver, Colorado
Boulder	J. O. Hockett, Boulder, "
Longmont, Berthoud and Lyons	J. F. Walker, Longmont, "
Loveland and Fort Collins	J. W. Glazier, Longmont, "
Table Rock and Husted	Augusta McArthur, supply, Husted, "
Fondis and Ramah	To be supplied
Falcon, Franceville and Peyton	G. A. Loomis, 623 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, Colo.
Colorado Springs	J. W. Marshall, 229 Cheyenne Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado
Colorado City	Hattie J. Handyside, supply, Colorado City, "
Woodland Park and Divide	To be supplied
Leadville	To be supplied
Hill Top and Parkers	James Goode, supply

Delta and Crawford.....Levi DeBush, supply
Salt Lake and Ogden.....S. G. Roper, H. J. Starkey, supply
Thomas Larsen, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer; C. B. Langdon.
W. T. Warren, supernumerary; J. A. DaFoe, left without appointment.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—J. I. COUNCIL, District Elder.

Fountain.....W. W. Jellison, Fountain, Colorado
Pueblo.....Frank DuPee 310 Spring St., Pueblo, "
Chico and Rocky Ford.....P. G. Sandy, Nyburg, "
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg.....W. B. Kerby
Canon City.....G. B. Lane, 719 Prospect St., Canon City, Colorado
Wet Mountain Valley.....To be supplied
Howard.....F. F. Stewart, Howard, Colorado
Salida and Coaldale.....To be supplied
San Luis Valley.....To be supplied
Cripple Creek.....To be supplied
Trinidad.....To be supplied
Bayfield.....J. A. Hopper, Bayfield, Colorado
Hesperus and Mancos.....G. W. Yoder

A. G. Galbraith, supernumerary; H. G. Green, given a certificate of location at his own request; J. E. Outland, left without appointment.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

H. A. Crouch.....Fountain, Colorado	Mrs. A. E. Jellison.....Fountain, Colorado
W. M. Reed.....Pueblo, "	J. C. Harvey.....Pueblo, "
W. T. Brooke.....Pueblo, "	Mrs. M. M. Resor.....Canon City, "
H. G. Green.....Canon City, "	W. H. Latham.....Howard, "
Mrs. Ora W. Glazier.....Longmont, "	Miss Bertha Ahlemeyer, Boulder, "
I. H. Hightower.....Canon City, "	Miss Carrie Harris, Colorado City, "
Mrs. Lina West, R. F. D. No. 1, Pueblo, Colorado	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS.

God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit during the past year to take from our numbers two of our most beloved and honored members—Thomas H. Vipond and W. W. Dickson. Both were venerable with age and ripe for the harvest. It is impossible to express in words the love and high esteem in which they were held by the entire conference.

Father Vipond was a remarkable man in many respects. He was born in Scotland, May 14, 1807, and under the training of a godly mother, who sat under the ministry of the Wesleys, he received that religious instruction which led him in early youth to give his heart to God and his life to his service. While yet a young man he left his native land to seek his fortune in the far West. He at first made his home in Canada, afterwards in Illinois. The last years of his life were spent with us in Colorado, a member of the Colorado conference from the time of its organization, sometimes district elder, sometimes in charge of a circuit, and sometimes as evangelist, until he was superannuated at the conference held in 1894. He was at every annual session of the conference except the one last year. He also attended the camp-meetings of the district to which he belonged. He was always a welcome guest in the homes of the saints, and took a deep interest in both old and young. Many of the ministers of this conference have received help from his wise counsels and liberal hand. His mind, well stored with useful knowledge, retained unusual vigor until near the close of life. He watched with deep interest the events of the nations, and studied their history in the light of prophecy, to catch if possible some sign of his coming Lord. He had a deep reverence for God and divine things, and his approaches to God in prayer were humble and devout, an example worthy of imitation by all Christians. He died June 1, 1902.

Brother Dickson was a wonderful man, made so by a deep, rich experience in the things of God, which made him a great blessing and comfort to all who were in any trouble. He was born September 13, 1826, in Windsor, New York. His early religious life was spent among the Presbyterians where he occupied positions of honor, and was loved and respected. But when the light of God shone upon him he took the cross and became a humble Free Methodist preacher of no mean ability. He lived in touch with divinity, and God honored his faith, and gave him homes and friends in the Colorado conference who will ever love and cherish his memory. He died October 20, 1901.

A book of unusual interest could be made from the lives of these godly men. Their

work on earth is done and they have gone to their reward. *We miss them.* Their memory will be cherished by the Colorado conference, and the influence of their lives will be like precious ointment poured forth. "The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We, your committee on the state of the work, would respectfully submit the following:

First of all we feel very grateful to the Giver of all good for a continuation of the spirit of brotherly love which prevails among us as preachers and people; also for a God-given conviction to stand by and hold up before the people the true standard of New Testament salvation in doctrine, experience and practice. God has owned and blest our labors in the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers during the past conference year, and we believe that while the fields are white for the harvest new doors of usefulness are opening before us, and the prospect is encouraging for a genuine revival of old-fashioned gospel salvation. To this end we would urge upon both preachers and people a more thorough abandonment of themselves to all the will and work of God for the salvation of lost men and women and the building up of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ upon earth.

We are glad to report a decided improvement in the collecting of the conference claims. This shows what can be done by earnest, persistent effort on the part of the preachers. We also notice that on some of the circuits there is greater interest taken in the matter of raising the pastor's support. This is as it should be on all the circuits, and we believe that if the stewards and class leaders will do their duty as described in our book of Discipline there will be a great improvement in this matter. The lack of this causes a number of our worthy ministers to suffer for the necessities of life, and hence the temptation to turn aside from the work of the ministry to some secular employment. The laity are just as much bound to look after the temporal necessities of the pastor as he is to look after and minister to their spiritual needs: "For the laborer is worthy of his hire." "And thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." *Thus saith the Lord.*

There has been an increase of church property. A new parsonage has been built on the Pine River and Hesperus circuit, thus making a neat and comfortable place for the pastor to live. A new and commodious brick parsonage has been built at Denver, thereby cutting off considerable expense to the preacher in charge, where rents are so high. The Lord has opened the way for us to get a good church building and two lots in a good location in the thriving town of Longmont. We believe this will prove to be a great help to the opening up of our work in that part of the country.

With renewed courage, and faith in God we go forth to our new fields of labor the coming conference year to wage an aggressive warfare against the world, the flesh and the devil, and to plant the standard of the cross throughout the length and breadth of this land.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The press is one of the most powerful instrumentalities for good or evil of the present day. An influence, like that of a mighty river, goes out from it to bless or curse the world. The awful stench of death follows in the wake of the impure literature that floods our land, and thousands upon thousands of the young people of our country are drawn every year into the cesspools of moral rottenness, to go down into eternal night, without God and without hope forever through this channel of evil. The gospel is the only power, preached or published, that can stay this tide of death. The printing press is a mighty factor under God in the hands of the church in rescuing the lost and staying this tide of evil. The religious press is helpless to accomplish this end, only as God works through it. Much of the so-called religious reading of the day is so diluted with false teaching and doctrines that it is powerless to accomplish the good it professes or purposes to do.

We believe that, as a church, we are the nearest right, and our principles and issues the most scriptural of any church in the land, and being such we ought to be the most spiritual. We believe that we are, and that our church paper and periodicals are a greater power for good than any that are published; therefore, let us stand by them. Let us be a unit in their support; and if they do not measure up to our ideal, their columns are open to our articles, and with these and our prayers let us make them what we think they ought to be. Through these channels we can reach the whole church. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." It is very easy to stand back and criticise and find fault and thus hinder those who are doing their best; but the better way is to come forward with our support and thus help on this blessed work in which we are engaged. God will help us if we take our places in his work and do our part: Therefore we urge upon all of our people to stand by and support with their patronage, prayers and means these blessed channels for carrying on God's work in the world.

IV.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No part of church work is more important than the Sunday-school. The children are the hope of the church. Some one has truly said, "Give me the first nine years of a child's

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life and you may have the rest." Statistics show that the vast majority of Christians are of no consequence in the church, are those who have been converted early in life.

At a Sunday-school convention recently held, it was learned that out of 2300 children more than 2100 were converted under 20 years of age. At a union meeting which we attended, out of 700 Christians, nearly 600 were converted under 20 years of age. In view of these facts we earnestly recommend that special efforts be put forth for the conversion of the children in the Sunday-school.

To this end we recommend that Sunday-school prayer meetings be held quite frequently in the place of the regular exercise of the Sunday-school, or at proper times. Regular children's meetings may be held for this purpose during the week.

We notice a lack of interest on the part of the parents in Sunday-school work. The "Home Department" is adapted to secure the interest of the parents and we urge its adoption in all our schools. More systematic visiting is needed on the part of the teachers and superintendents in order to secure regular attendance of the children. Teachers' meetings should be held as often as possible for the benefit of the teachers. We would urge that at least one Sunday-school convention be held on each district during the year.

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NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
NORTHERN DISTRICT											
Dever			\$125 06	\$5 00	\$800 00	\$100 00	\$103 87	1	\$1500	1	\$800
Boulder, Erie and Ward	\$50 00		37 34		353 75	39 65				1	250
Longmont and Loveland			19 74		259 00	26 00	6 00	1	1800		
Fort Collins and Greeley						15 87					
Table Rock and Husted					203 90	40 59					
Fondis and Bijou Basin					20 00	3 00					
Peyton and Ramah						6 74					
Falcon and Franceville					76 22	21 07				1	175
Colorado Springs			33 00		439 25	90 00	14 00	1	3000	1	700
Colorado City			36 95	25	150 00	20 86					
Woodland Park, and Divide						15 02		1	830	1	200
Leadville						15 00					
Salt Lake City and Ogden					103 35	9 60		1	800	1	150
Hill Top and Parkers					78 21	11 43					
Delta and Crawford					32 00	20 20					
						*46 45					
SOUTHERN DISTRICT											
Fountain	1 00	\$4 00	24 40		264 38	50 00	25 85	1	1600	1	1000
Pueblo	50	75	14 86		308 00	53 55	6 00	1	1000	1	200
Ch co and Rocky Ford				30	315 05	50 00				1	100
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg					16 25	24 30	5 35				
Canon City			26 80		231 60	42 40		1	1000	1	500
Wet Mountain Valley						35 33					
Howard			21 09	2 50	345 84	61 30		1	800	1	300
Salida and Coaldale						4 01					
San Luis Valley											
Pine River and Hesperus			20 06		167 80	59 30		1	600	1	200
Cripple Creek											
Trinidad						20 15					
						*80 67					
Total	\$51 50	\$4 75	\$359 34	\$8 05	\$4157 70	\$962 54	\$161 07	10	\$12900	12	\$4575

*Miscellaneous Receipts.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Herald" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
NORTHERN DISTRICT																		
Denver.....	J. F. Garrett, District Elder	81	6	87	1	1	1	15	100	2	\$24.00	\$14.00	\$27.00	\$12.00	\$ 8.00	\$12.00	\$17.00	\$124.32
Boulder.....	A. J. McKinney	25	9	34	1	1	1	9	35	2	3.60	2.16	3.00	3.00	1.80	1.80	1.13	29.43
Longmont and Loveland	J. W. Glazier	15	1	16	1	1	2	7	41	5		1.62	3.00	1.35	3.00	1.35		
Fort Collins and Greeley	G. W. Hays, supply	3		3														
Table Rock and Hudson	G. B. Lane	8		8								64	1.00	90	60	40		
Fond du Lac and Bijou Basin	J. F. Walker	7		7						1	1.32	1.98	1.00	90	60	90	3.00	
Peyton and Ramah	Supplied	10		10	1	1					4.20	2.62	2.50	2.10	1.40	18		
Falcon and Franceville	G. A. Loomis	49	11	60	3	1	9	60		2	15.00	9.00	5.50	7.50	50	75	130	50
Colorado Springs	W. T. Warren	5	2	7	2	1	6	8		2	1.50	90	1.25	78	50	75	13	06
Colorado City	Hattie J. Handyside, supply	3		3								54	75	45	30	45		
Woodland Park and Divide	Thomas Larsen	4		4						1	1.50	90	1.25	75	50	75		
Leadville	Supplied	4		4							1.50	90	75	45	30	45		
Salt Lake City and Ogden	S. G. Roper	4	2	6	1	1	3	15		1	60	36	50	30	20	30		
Hill Top and Parkers	H. J. Starkey, supply	2		2							90		75	45	30	45		
Delta and Crawford	J. A. Jameson, supply	4		4	1	1				2		54			30	45		
SOUTHERN DISTRICT																		
Fountain	J. I. Council, District Elder	20		20	1	1	1	7	47	5	4.80	2.88	4.00	2.40	1.65	2.40	1.40	28.30
Pueblo	W. W. Jellison	25	3	28	2	1	7	26		2	5.70	2.85	4.75	2.85	1.90	3.42	1.81	6.98
Chico and Rocky Ford	Frank Dupee	8		8	2	1				6	2.70	1.62	2.25	1.35	90	1.35		6.15
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg	G. W. Yoder	19	1	20	1	1	2	35		1	1.00	3.24	4.50	2.70	1.80	2.70	1.35	18.64
Wet Mountain Valley	A. G. Galbraith, supply	27	3	30	1	2	8	80		3	5.40	3.24	4.50	2.70	1.80	2.70	4.50	60.85
Howard and Coaldale	Supplied	3		3														
San Juan Valley	P. G. Steward	17	2	19	1	1	5	20		6	5.10	3.06	2.50	2.55	2.55	4.25		
Pine River and Hesperus	Supplied																	
Cripple Creek	J. A. Hopper																	
Trinidad	Supplied																	
Collection at Conference	H. G. Green											69			42	10		
Total.....		340	40	380	13	10	15	84	564	56	\$82.78	\$64.54	\$72.40	\$45.45	\$27.89	\$45.45	\$43.25	\$399.15

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Aline, Oklahoma, August
13-17, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

G. G. KESSEL, Secretary,

C. H. MALIN, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, J. S. Ogg, R. H. Cline, G. G. Kessel.

On Sunday-schools—W. F. Cook, H. B. Sutton, Kathryn Ralls.

On Reforms—J. H. Brittain, J. S. Ogg, S. A. D. Easterling.

On Publishing the Minutes—G. G. Kessel, C. H. Malin.

On Publications—A. Steadwell, R. C. Selander, C. Archer.

On Education—A. C. Brown, A. Steadwell, H. B. Sutton, Darius Bowers.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—T. Weir, W. E. Keener, S. V. Coe.

To Receive General Superintendents' Funds—Henry Isabell.

To Receive Conference Missionary Funds—Maggie Peacock.

To Receive General and Foreign Mission Funds—W. E. Keener.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Darius Bowers, Cynthia Mitchell.

To Collect Funds for Delegates' Expenses to General Conference—T. Weir.

To Receive Educational and Children's Day Funds—Alice Terry.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Funds—F. A. Davis.

To Receive Church Extension Funds—Adelbert Van Vranken.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. G. Kessel, president; A. C. Brown, secretary; T. Weir, treasurer; J. S. Ogg,
M. Wright.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Higgins, J. M. Young, G. G. Kessel, J. S. Ogg, A. C. Brown.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), General Missions; second quarter,
General Superintendents' Funds, Foreign Missions and Tracts; third quarter,
Conference Claimants' Funds; fourth quarter, Church Extension.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—W. F. Cook.

On Reforms—A. C. Brown.

On Publications—R. C. Selander.

On Education—J. H. Higgins.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. S. Ogg,

R. Trever,

A. C. Brown,

G. Delimont,

S. V. Coe,

R. C. Selander.

J. Westwood,

G. G. Kessel,

W. F. Cook,

E. E. Miller,

F. S. Atwell,

J. H. Brittain,

E. P. Robb,

B. B. Orr,

C. H. Malin,

J. M. Young,

A. Steadwell,

J. H. Higgins.

W. E. Keener,

J. E. Overholt,

R. H. Cline,

A. Helsel,

J. W. McIrvin,

DELEGATES

M. J. Miller,	H. B. Sutton,	H. H. Isabell,	T. Kingsolver,
G. M. Kinzie,	Kathryn Ralls,	M. Wright,	T. Weir,
Maggie Peacock.	C. Archer,	Emily Coe,	Alice Perry,
F. A. Davis,	D. N. Bowers.	F. M. Hollenbeck,	R. Lamb,
Amanda Oller,	Albert Cochran.	Cynthia Mitchell,	Adelbert VanVranken,
Lucy Bauchman.	S. A. D. Esterling.	J. W. Atchison.	C. E. Welts.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, J. S. Ogg, R. H. Cline, M. Wright, C. Archer, T. Weir, G. G. Kessel.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. B. Sutton, C. Fisher, C. E. Carter.

4. Who remain on trial? C. W. Long.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. Keener, B. B. Orr, J. W. McIrvin, J. Westwood, C. H. Malin, J. E. Overholt, R. C. Selander. Local, ordained this year—C. Archer, E. P. Van Vranken, T. Weir.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Helsel, F. S. Atwell, J. M. Reilly, G. Delimont.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. E. Miller, R. Trever.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. H. Brittain and J. M. Reilly, from the West Iowa conference; J. H. Higgins, from the Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. H. Batchelder, under censure.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with view to transfer to another conference? B. B. Orr.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? E. E. Miller, \$100; R. Trever, \$50; orphan of J. H. Taylor, \$15.

22. What amount is necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of delegates to the general conference? \$97.50.

23. What amount has been collected on the foregoing account and how applied? \$97.50.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? As near the middle of August, 1903, as suits the convenience of the general superintendent; the place of holding was left to the judgment of the district elders.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twentieth session of the West Kansas conference was held at Aline, Oklahoma, August 13-17. General Superintendent B. R. Jones failed to reach us for the first sitting. He presided with his usual ability and preached with much unction and power.

W. B. Rose of the publishing house was a most welcome visitor; he also preached for us. Charles Mattenley, of the Oklahoma conference, was present.

The conference claims were raised in full. The W. F. M. S. of the conference report \$700 raised this year. Lydia A. Newberry of the Rescue Home, at Guthrie, was present and raised about \$158 in cash and subscriptions for that work. Souls responded to every altar call and were either blessedly saved or wholly sanctified. Two meetings were running at the same time and two altars filled with seekers. A Methodist preacher was blessedly saved. The appointments were generally received as from God, and the preachers go to their circuits expecting a year of victory. Praise God! Our song is, "We'll drive this battle on in Jesus' might."

APPOINTMENTS

MANKATO DISTRICT—J. S. Ogg, District Elder, Osborne, Kansas.

Mankato.....	W. F. Cook, Mankato, Kansas
Lebanon.....	J. H. Higgins, Lebanon, "
Osborne.....	C. H. Malin, Osborne, "
Glen Elder and Cawker City.....	C. W. Long, Glen Elder, "
Cuba.....	E. P. Robb, Cuba, "
Concordia and Liberty Chapel.....	To be supplied
Lincoln and Victor.....	R. C. Selander, Lincoln, Kansas
Orbitella and Wilson.....	E. P. Van Vranken, Wilson, "

ALMENA DISTRICT—J. S. Ogg, District Elder.

Almena.....	J. E. Overholt, Almena, Kansas
Logan and Densmore.....	Cyrus Archer, supply, Densmore, "
Hayes City, Lost Creek and Asbury.....	J. W. McIrvin
Moreland, Franklin and Elliott.....	R. B. Ralls, Moreland, Kansas

G. Delimont, supernumerary, Long Island, Kansas; J. M. Young, left without appointment, Stamford, Nebraska; E. E. Miller, superannuated, 1012 South Weber St., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

MACKSVILLE DISTRICT—G. G. KESSEL, District Elder, Macksville, Kansas.

Macksville and St. John.....	Anna Batchelder, supply, Macksville, Kansas
Great Bend and Larned.....	D. N. Bowers, supply
Pratt and Sawyer.....	W. E. Keener
Kingman and Tripp.....	S. V. Coe, Kingman, Kansas
Wright and Garden City.....	J. B. Hargadine, supply, Wright, "
Ness City and Laurel.....	F. A. Davis, supply, Ness City, "
Mullinville and Bethany.....	J. E. Crawford, Mullinville, "
Bucklin.....	F. R. Cline, Bucklin, "
Eden Valley and Iuka.....	F. R. Vosburg, Iuka, "
Leota and Dighton.....	H. B. Sutton, Leota, "

A. Helsel, supernumerary, Iuka, Kansas; B. B. Orr, given certificate of transfer.

CLEO DISTRICT—R. H. CLINE, District Elder, Iuka, Kansas.

Mound Center and Sharon.....	A. C. Brown, Sharon, Kansas
Green Valley and Winchester.....	H. H. Isabell, supply, Kiowa, "
Wisby and Augusta.....	Carrie E. Cline, supply, Clymer, Oklahoma
Carwile and Ringwood.....	Harry Peacock, supply, Carwile, "
Dane, Isabella and Tivola, J. Westwood, Isabella; D. C. Sparks, supply, Chester.....	"
Dyke Fountain and Seiling.....	C. Fisher, Anna Fisher, supply, Seiling, "
Taloga and Camargo.....	A. Steadwell, Taloga, "
Sentinel and Poarch.....	M. Nue, supply, Sentinel, "
Hobert and Lone Wolf.....	Lydia Newberry, supply, Hobert, "
Watonga and Geary.....	C. E. Carter, Henry Musser, supply, Geary, "
Moscow and Rugby.....	N. C. Swigart, supply, Hackberry, "
Ames.....	To be supplied

J. H. Brittain, conference evangelist, Moscow, Oklahoma; J. M. Reilly, supernumerary, Moscow, Oklahoma; F. S. Atwell, supernumerary, Sharon, Kansas; R. Trever, superannuated, East Jefferson Park avenue, Pana, Illinois.

LOCAL PREACHERS

G. W. Shurtz	Augusta, Oklahoma	C. Archer	Densmore, Kansas
J. N. Lightner	Bucklin, Kansas	T. Kingsoliver	Lebanon, "
G. F. Snow	Almena, "	T. F. Forbes	Almena, "
Evan James	Osborne, "	W. R. Everley	Delphos, "

EVANGELISTS

Carrie E. Cline	Clymer, Oklahoma	Viola Helsel	Iuka, Kansas
Lydia Newberry	Hobert, "	Anna G. Hill	R.R. No.3, Mankato, "
Anna Batchelder	Macksville, Kansas	Margaret Cook	Mankato, "
Kate Coe	Kingman, "	Delah Burnap	Almena, "
Josephia Hill	Cawker, "	Kathryn Ralls	Moreland, "
Nora Lightner	Bucklin, "	Anna Fisher	Seiling, Oklahoma
Hannah Westwood	Isabella, Oklahoma		

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION.

The term education is defined as the act of drawing out or developing. The trend in which this developing is manifest or sought determines the usefulness of the individual for good or bad, for righteousness or unrighteousness, for God or Satan. How important it is that we get a Christian education! What is a man worth without an education? What is a man worth with an education? These are vital questions which come before us for consideration. Ask the man who possesses wisdom and knowledge what it can be purchased for, what he would take for this great, assisting agency in the field of usefulness and enlightenment. It cannot be purchased for gold. "Where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise; but God places no premium on ignorance. He is wisdom and urges all to get the same. The man who gets converted to God always begins to educate himself. He becomes a learner of truth with a desire to make progress in righteousness. What is the cause of spiritual deadness and formalism? Spiritual ignorance. What is the cause of fanaticism? Ignorance. What is the cause of spiritual pride? Lack of wisdom and a desire to exalt self. Confusion and hypercriticalism might often be avoided if we were better educated and versed in spiritual knowledge. In the erection of any structure the most important thing is the foundation. The future usefulness of our children depends largely upon the fundamental principles laid at the beginning of life, for "as the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

" We are building every day
A temple the world may not see."

It is all important that we lay the foundation of the future usefulness of our children by giving them a good education in the arts and sciences and in spiritual knowledge as well. What we are worth without an education and our worth with an education is illustrated in the fact that a bar of iron worth \$5.00, when pounded into horse-shoes is worth \$10.50; when made into needles it is worth \$355; when made into pen knife blades it is worth \$3285; when made into balance springs for watches it is worth \$250,000. So it is; in the ignorance of sin we are worth very little, but fashioned under the hammer of God the value of our usefulness increases. God places a high estimate upon those who are pure in heart and love him. How much we may be worth for God is determined by the effort put forth to educate ourselves and our children by improving our time and walking in the light of the Holy Spirit.

How shall we educate our children and not associate them with evil influences which poison and corrupt the moral character? Send them to our own schools where the salvation of their souls is one of the main issues; where godliness is promoted and every effort possible is put forth to make them subjects of light and purity that shall bless the world in the ages to come.

Christian education puts error to flight and promotes the truth. It saves us from isms and schisms. It promotes unity and that which elevates the soul; therefore

Resolved, That we request our elders to put forth a greater effort to encourage our preachers to persevere in their studies, and insist more strongly on the quarterly examinations which lightens the overplus of work generally experienced at our annual conferences.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

This is a subject having a very important bearing upon our life as a church. People are affected and influenced by the character of what they read. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of furnishing pure reading matter to those whom we would lead into the right way. While the press is an inestimable blessing when used properly, it is a powerful agent in disseminating worldly and corrupting literature over the land when in the hands of the enemies of the cause of Christ.

The young people of to-day make a demand for books and papers unheard of before. The wonderful facilities for furnishing reading matter has cheapened the supply and increased the demand. So the responsibility of doing our part in providing literature, wholesome and pure, for those under our care and within our reach is resting heavily upon us.

Everywhere false doctrine is asserting itself in the form of literature of various kinds frequently disguised by being mixed with truth. On all sides little irresponsible sheets, advocating some hobby, are thrust upon us for our patronage. It is high time that our church awake to its duty and privilege regarding this matter.

While we would commend our people for the interest they have taken in subscribing for our FREE METHODIST, there are many homes where it is almost unknown. Yet many of these are taking one or more secular papers and often other religious journals. No person can be a genuine, intelligent, well informed Free Methodist, unless he reads the FREE METHODIST, and no home among us should be without our church paper, our Discipline and our hymn book.

We deplore the fact that so few of our members have these valuable aids to Christian character.

We heartily commend the FREE METHODIST, which is so carefully and ably edited, the *Earnest Christian*, with its pure matter, the *Missionary Tidings*, devoted to our foreign work, and the clean, bright and pure Sabbath-school papers and lesson helps issued by our publishing house to aid us in the instruction of the children and the older people under our care.

III.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school being one of the most important factors of the church in training the youth of our land in the principles of righteousness, it is important that we keep before them the best literature and seek to make our schools interesting by deep spirituality and piety in both superintendents and teachers. We still insist upon the Free Methodist schools for Free Methodist people. We believe more time might be spent profitably in the study of the lessons by both teachers and scholars.

A good way would be for parents to adopt the daily readings in connection with their worship.

We know of nothing better in the way of lesson helps than the *Light and Life*; also Free Methodist Catechism could be used as a means of instruction beneficially. We heartily recommend them.

Our Home Department work might be used to advantage as a means of reaching those who do not attend Sunday-school, and thus induce them to become regular attendants of our schools.

We would further recommend the formation of Sunday-school boards according to Discipline, Par. 185, believing this would enhance the interest and aid in the study of the lesson, and thus better equip teachers to instruct.

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MANKATO, ALMENA MACKSVILLE AND CLEO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Society
MANKATO DISTRICT	J. S. Ogg, District Elder	26	4	30	1	1	1	6	13	7	6	3	3	\$ 2.20	\$ 3.20	\$ 2.00	.....
	C. W. Long	18	1	19	1	1	1	6	13	7	6	3	3	\$ 1.50	\$ 3.20	\$ 1.00	\$25.40
	E. P. Robb	28	1	29	1	1	1	6	30	9	4	2	3	\$ 2.40	\$ 3.60	\$ 2.00	35.81
	R. C. Selander	20	1	21	1	1	1	6	38	11	9	6	3	\$ 2.40	\$ 3.60	\$ 2.00	67.81
	C. H. Malin	24	2	26	1	1	1	8	41	8	8	4	2	\$ 2.40	\$ 3.60	\$ 2.00	10.50
	W. E. Keener	32	13	45	1	1	1	8	41	8	8	4	2	\$ 2.40	\$ 3.60	\$ 2.00	2.00
	J. H. Higgins	31	31	62	1	1	1	8	41	8	8	4	2	.....	62	4.80	.....
	Josephia H. I. supply	13	13	26	1	1	1	8	41	8	8	4	2	.....	4.80	4.80	.....
	J. E. Crawford	13	13	26	1	1	1	8	41	8	8	4	2	.....	1.16	4.80	.....
	J. S. Ogg, District Elder	25	3	28	2	1	1	10	33	5	7	2	2	\$ 3.60	\$ 3.60	.....	23.15
ALMENA DISTRICT	J. E. Overholt	14	24	38	1	1	1	7	45	5	7	3	2	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.65	\$ 2.38	13.05
	C. Archer, supply	24	1	25	1	1	1	3	30	1	3	1	1	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.65	.....	1.00
	Asbury, Goodale, Hayes City	14	3	17	1	1	1	9	19	4	4	2	2	\$ 1.60	\$ 2.40	.....	33.51
	R. A. Davis, supply	14	3	17	1	1	1	9	19	4	4	2	2	\$ 1.60	\$ 2.40	.....	.....
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT	G. G. Kessel, District Elder	30	2	32	2	2	2	13	65	8	6	4	3	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.45	\$ 5.52	29.53
	Anna Barchelder, supply	14	1	15	2	2	2	5	45	7	7	5	3	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.35	.....	7.50
	B. B. Orr	13	13	26	1	1	1	6	45	7	7	5	3	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.00	.....
	E. P. Van Vranken	31	3	34	1	1	1	4	28	10	7	4	3	\$ 2.60	\$ 3.90	\$ 2.40	28.62
	Wm. F. Cook	41	3	44	2	2	2	15	75	6	9	5	4	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	.....	32.50
	Mullinville and Bethany	24	24	48	1	1	1	15	75	6	9	5	4	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	.....	3.40
	Wright and Laurel	38	32	70	1	1	1	17	125	17	7	5	4	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	.....	60.05
	Ness City and Beeler	38	32	70	1	1	1	17	125	17	7	5	4	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	.....	.....
	Eden Valley	25	25	50	1	1	1	17	125	17	7	5	4	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	.....	.....
	Klingman and Tripp	7	7	14	1	1	1	5	20	4	4	2	2	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.25	.....	.....
CLEO DISTRICT	Great Bend	38	11	49	1	1	1	5	40	9	8	4	3	\$ 1.70	\$ 4.05	.....	103.30
	R. H. Cline, District Elder	25	25	50	2	2	2	8	45	5	5	4	3	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.25	.....	.....
	R. Trever	23	23	46	1	1	1	8	45	5	5	4	3	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.25	.....	.....
	A. Steadwell	25	25	50	2	2	2	8	45	5	5	4	3	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.25	.....	.....
	J. Westwood	23	23	46	1	1	1	8	45	5	5	4	3	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.25	.....	.....
	Isabella and Watanda	25	7	32	2	1	4	20	3	1.80	1.80	1.80	3.90	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.60	\$ 2.70	75.00
	Carville	6	2	8	1	2	10	70	7	6	6	4	3	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.60	\$ 1.75	.....
	Ames	30	5	35	1	2	10	70	7	6	6	4	3	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.60	\$ 1.75	.....
	Wisby and Zula	44	12	56	1	1	5	20	7	5	5	4	3	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.60	\$ 1.75	.....
	Dane	21	29	50	1	1	5	20	7	5	5	4	3	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.60	\$ 1.75	.....
Total	Taloga and Selling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sintelael	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		710	204	914	19	17	128	159	797	200	\$176.25	\$112.66	\$89.08	\$35.19	\$38.17	\$63.47	\$338.40

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson age Property
MANKATO DISTRICT											
Mankato.....			\$ 12 45	\$ 80	\$ 336 63	\$ 22 67		1	\$ 800	1	\$ 400
Cuba.....			15 52		226 52	30 94		1	1000	1	500
Lincoln and Victor.....		\$ 44	13 64	25	272 57	29 22		1	800	1	450
Osborne.....			12 80		325 71	45 85	\$ 4 16	2	1500	1	500
Glen Elder.....		19	17 00		232 55	35 37		2	1500	1	400
Lebanon.....			10 64		320 00	35 00	2 00	1	1000	1	600
Concordia and Liberty Chapel.....					164 83	41 64		2	2000		
Orbitelli and Dorrance.....				30	178 00	24 94	27 12				
ALMENA DISTRICT											
Almena.....	\$ 85	50	20 00		299 00	35 20	20 74	1	800	1	500
Densmore and Logan.....			11 00	20	77 45	31 81		1	800		
Asbury, Goodale, Hayes City.....				40	142 59	22 75	4 75				
Woodston.....			5 49	1 12	34 22	20 08		1	75		
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT											
Macksville and St John.....	2 95	42	13 50	77	331 59	41 13		1	1000	1	500
Bucklin and Pleasant Valley.....			17 50		287 00	30 00	8 50	1	800	1	375
I ratt and Nash-ville.....					116 70	19 90	14 34				
Mullinville and Bethany.....	1 00	2 50	10 55	3 00	261 00	30 18	3 97	1	1000	1	250
Wright and Laurel.....			23 70	25	186 53	25 75	30 59			1	130
Ness City and Beeler.....			2 57	15	202 00	30 04	30 33				20
Eden Valley.....	3 55	1 72	45 00	60	353 12	48 44	28 00	1	700	1	300
Kingman and Tripp.....			3 71		201 57	35 47	28 45			1	450
Great Bend.....				40		23 65					
CLEO DISTRICT											
Medicine Lodge, Md. Center, Alva.....		1 40	45 57		343 14	37 55					
Moscow and Woodward.....			14 00		75 00	25 12					50
Isabella and Watunda.....				35	145 00	19 05	12 43	2	1100	1	50
Carwile.....	2 35			65	261 71	53 45	20 00			1	350
Ames.....					15 75	30 19					
Wisby and Zula.....			21 40		175 70	40 28	11 00				
Dane.....					168 50	32 05	11 50			1	100
Taloga and Seiling.....					182 81	27 00	24 67			1	400
Sen inel.....											
Total.....	\$10 71	\$7 17	\$805 64	\$9 04	\$5916 19	\$924 72	\$282 55	19	\$14875	17	\$6325

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ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas,
August 28-30, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.
J. M. ROBERSON, Secretary. MISS MINNIE ROBERSON, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

L. W. Steele, W. D. Vaughan, R. Adams, J. M. Roberson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. M. Roberson, L. W. Steele, R. Adams, J. Tiernan, J. W. Alverson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Delegates' Expenses to the General Conference 10 cents per member, and Church Extension; second quarter, General and Foreign Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

N. T. Holcomb.	C. L. Hewitt,	L. W. Steele.	J. M. Roberson.
R. Adams,	W. D. Vaughan,	A. Maxfield,	W. W. Hulet,
F. M. Chevalley.			

DELEGATES

F. M. Elliot.	Ida M. Carpenter.	J. W. Alverson,	H. P. J. Allen,
Cora J. Chevalley,	G. W. Webb,	J. Tiernan,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, L. W. Steele, J. M. Roberson, J. W. Alverson, J. Tiernan.

3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 21. None.

4. Who remain on trial? F. M. Chevalley, W. L. Warren, W. C. Bostian, X. Atchison.

8. Who have located this year? W. W. Hulet, was located by order of the conference, his membership is with the Fairplay circuit.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? F. M. Chevalley.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? Morris Haverlain.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? Joseph B. Parker.

16-20. See statistical report.

22. What amount is necessary to raise to defray the expenses of delegates to the general conference? Ten cents per member to be raised the first quarter and forwarded to S. K. J. Chesbro.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Springfield, Mo., as near the last Wednesday in August, 1903, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRPLAY DISTRICT—L. W. STEELE, District Elder.

Springfield and Fairplay.....A. Maxfield, John Black, supply
 Mountain Grove and Bryant.....George Coffman, supply
 W. W. Hulet, located by vote of conference; F. M. Chevalley, supernumerary.

VIRGINIA AND CARTHAGE DISTRICTS—L. W. STEELE, District Elder,
 Fairplay, Mo.

Virginia, Nevada and Schell City.....W. D. Vaughan
 Round Prairie and Zodiac.....W. L. Warren
 Carthage, Webb City, Joplin, Neosho and Phelps,
C. L. Hewitt, 307 W. S. St., Carthage, Mo., Joseph Sizelove, supply

HARRISON DISTRICT—N. T. HOLCOMB, Stationed District Elder.

Harrison, Pleasant Ridge and Oak Grove
N. T. Holcomb, Harrison, Ark., W. H. Hughes, supply

WEST PLAINS DISTRICT—R. ADAMS, District Elder.

West Plains, Mountain View and Big AppalJ. M. Roberson
 Mammoth Spring and Hardy.....F. M. Elliot, Mammoth Spring, Ark.
 Anniston.....To be supplied

BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS—R. ADAMS, District Elder.

Beebe and Little Rock.....J. Talkerton, supply, P. O. Antioch, Ark.
 Hot Springs.....W. C. Bostian

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
FAIR PLAY DISTRICT						*\$ 60 00					
Springfield, Everton, Elkland and Lebanon					\$ 16 50	13 00	\$15 50	1	\$ 250		
Mt. Grove and Bryant					5 20	6 05					
Fair Play and Bolivar			\$ 7 06		25 00	10 15		1	600	1	\$400
VIRGINIA & CARTHAGE DISTRICT						21 00					
Virginia, Round Prairie, Zodiac, Schell City and Butler	\$ 51	\$1 90	16 40		210 65	25 31					
Carthage, Webb City, Joplin, Neosho and Phelps			12 00		52 00	27 85	12 00	1	1000		
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT						*120 00					
West Plains and Mountain View					27 75	14 89					
Mammoth Spring and Hardy					40 00	26 40					
Anniston			7 02		69 45	9 18					
Beebe			4 50		73 20	11 14		1	400		
Jacinto					6 00	5 90		2	400		
Hot Springs					28 45	38 00					
HARRISON DISTRICT											
Harrison and Pleasant Ridge			6 00		70 00						
Total	\$ 51	\$1 90	\$52 98		\$604 20	\$366 88	\$27 50	6	\$2650	1	\$400

*From Missionary Board.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

FAIR PLAY, VIRGINIA, CARTHAGE, WEST PLAINS AND HARRISON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
FAIR PLAY DISTRICT																	
	L. W. Steele, District Elder																
Springfield, Everton, Elkland, Lebanon	F. L. Chevalley	14	2	16	1	1	1	1	2	\$ 1 44	\$ 2 60		\$ 2 10	\$ 1 30		\$ 40	
Mt Grove and Bryant	George Coffman	4	3	7	1	1	1	1	2	35	20		18	13			
Fair Play and Bolivar	A. Maxfield	11	1	12							3 10		3 00				
VIRGINIA AND CARTHAGE DISTRICT																	
	L. W. Steele, District Elder																
Virginia, Round Prairie, Zodiack, Schell City and Butler	R. Adams	57	15	72	3	1	3	12	7	7 25	4 15		9 10		3 00	5 00	
Carthage, Webb City, Joplin, Neosho and Phelps	C. L. Hewitt	32	12	44	2	1	2	12	7	11 40	6 84		5 70	3 80	5 70	2 00	
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT																	
	J. M. Roberson, District Elder																
West Plains and Mountain View	K. J. Anderson, supply	22	22	44	3	1	1	4	6	5 70	3 40		2 85	1 40	2 85		
Mammoth Spring and Hardy	Supplied by District Elder	22	22	44	3	1	1	4	6	7 10	4 80		4 05	2 70	4 05		
Annisson	R. C. Embury	9	9	18	1	1	1	5	4	2 40	1 75		2 40	1 40	2 40		
Beebe	W. C. Bostian	18	18	36	1	1	1	4	25	2 50	3 10		2 65	1 50	2 25		
Jacinto	W. L. Warren	11	8	19	2	1	1	6	45	1 00	45		50	45	60		
Hot Springs	H. P. John Allen, supply																
HARRISON DISTRICT																	
	J. M. Roberson, District Elder																
Harrison and Pleasant Ridge	W. D. Vaughan	23	1	24	1	1	1	7	40	2 87	2 84				2 84		
Total		223	41	264	15	4	11	54	411	\$44 54	\$38 29		\$25 63	\$12 75	\$22 90	\$7 40	

PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held near Alma, Nebraska, August 20-24, 1902

OFFICERS

E. P. HART, President.

J. W. THOMAS, Secretary.

C. H. FOE, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, J. W. Edwards, C. H. Sawyer, J. M. Eggers.

On Sabbath-schools—W. R. Todd, C. H. Sawyer, Ruth Lovell, Rebecca Debord.

On Publications—C. H. Foe, K. Thomas, J. M. Eggers, E. E. Arnold, J. H.

Main.

On Education—J. W. Thomas, N. B. Ghormley, F. Dubois, J. L. Hilliard, Mrs. Addie Vanhoosen, Laura Elison.

On Reforms—B. F. Closson, George Vogt, S. T. Robinson, Ali Flint, G. W. Johnston, F. M. Garretson.

On State of the Work—B. F. Closson, J. W. Edwards.

To Receive Conference Collections—The district elders.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Walter Bagley, Laura Elison, Mrs. M. E. Carpenter.

On Conference Missions—E. P. Hart, B. F. Closson, J. W. Edwards, Walter Bagley, J. L. Hilliard.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Frank Dubois.

On Resolutions—N. B. Ghormley.

To Nominate Trustees for Orleans Seminary—B. F. Closson, C. H. Foe, G. W. Johnston, J. H. Main, Mrs. M. E. Carpenter.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

B. F. Closson, president; C. H. Foe, secretary; J. L. Hilliard, treasurer; J. W. Edwards, E. E. Arnold.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. H. Foe, five years; J. W. Thomas, secretary, four years; B. F. Closson, three years; K. Thomas, two years; J. W. Edwards, president, one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

N. B. Ghormley, president; Walter Bagley, secretary and treasurer; J. L. Hilliard, J. W. Edwards, K. Thomas.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—N. B. Ghormley.

On Reforms—B. F. Closson.

On Publications—J. W. Thomas.

On Sabbath-schools—C. H. Foe.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Deficit on Delegates' Expenses to General Conference, Orleans Seminary Contingency Fund (fifteen cents), General Missions (fifteen cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants (thirty cents), Foreign Missions (free-will offering); third quarter, Home Missions (twelve cents), General Superintendents' Claim (— cents); fourth quarter, Education (free-will offering) Church Extension Fund (ten cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1, What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

K. Thomas,	J. W. Thomas,	O. H. Foe,	A. R. Baxter,
C. H. Sawyer,	B. F. Closson,	W. R. Todd,	G. W. Johnston,
Charles Wheeler,	S. T. Robinson,	Frank Dubois,	George Vogt,
J. W. Edwards,	J. M. Eggers,	B. B. Orr,	N. B. Ghormley,
B. F. Taylor,	G. W. Hayes,	W. L. Giersdorf,	M. V. Hawk,
J. W. Adams,	G. W. Woogerd,	D. D. Dodge.	

DELEGATES

M. E. Carpenter,	E. E. Arnold,	Walter Bagley,	Addie Vanhoosen,
Jane Allen,	May Anderson,	David Alexander,	Laura Elison,
Sarah Bennett,	Florence Elison,	D. J. Davidson,	A. F. Flint,
J. H. Main,	Mrs. M. Kauffman,	F. M. Garretson,	J. L. Hilliard,
Ruth Lovell,	E. M. Letner.	Rebecca Debord.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, B. F. Closson, J. W. Edwards, Walter Bagley, J. L. Hilliard.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. I. Farnham, J. H. Anderson.

4. Who remain on trial? R. A. Gould, G. E. Bennett, G. W. Tinker.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? George Vogt, M. V. Hawk, A. R. Baxter, G. W. Johnston, G. W. Hayes, W. L. Giersdorf, J. W. Adams, J. R. Mylander, *H. R. Lucore, local deacons.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. M. Eggers.

8. Who have located this year? J. W. Adams, Charles Wheeler.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. R. Baxter.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? N. B. Ghormley, an ordained elder from the Wisconsin conference; B. B. Orr, an ordained deacon from the West Kansas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. L. Giersdorf, G. W. Woogerd.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15, 21. None.

16-20. See reports and statistics.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? Within the bounds of the Belgrade district, the exact location to be left to the quarterly conference of that district, and the time to be as near the third Wednesday of August, 1903, as may suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The seventh annual session of the Platte River conference was held in connection with a camp-meeting in A. Newman's grove, two miles west of Alma, Nebraska. The camp-meeting began on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1902. There was victory from the first. This

*Ordained this year.

annual camp-meeting was probably preceded by more prevailing prayer for its success than any other in the history of the conference. God poured out his Spirit upon the people, sinners were converted, backsliders were reclaimed, and believers sanctified wholly.

General Superintendent E. P. Hart and wife arrived on the first Saturday of the meeting. Brother Hart, although becoming well advanced in years, preached with much ability. His sermons were the subject of many favorable comments from persons who were not Free Methodists, as well as from members of the church. Sister Hart engaged in the work with her accustomed zeal and earnestness.

There were five sittings of the conference, Superintendent E. P. Hart presiding. The addresses of the president at the second, third and fourth sittings, on the subject, "We are workers together with God," were a feature long to be remembered.

About \$500.00 in cash and subscriptions was raised for benevolent purposes, including camp-meeting expenses, Orleans Seminary, foreign missions, deficit on conference collections and the Good-Will Mission Home of Omaha. The expense of entertaining the conference is not included in the above sum, as that had been provided for by Orleans and Cambridge districts.

The visiting brethren were W. W. Bates, of the Wisconsin conference; J. M. Young and G. Delimont, of the West Kansas conference; and O. L. Barnes, of the Nebraska conference, who represented the Free Methodist Publishing House.

APPOINTMENTS

ORLEANS DISTRICT—J. W. EDWARDS, District Elder, Orleans, Nebraska.

Orleans.....C. M. Damon, supply, Orleans, Nebraska
 Alma and Wilcox.....J. M. Eggers, Alma, "
 Precept and Edison.....George E. Bennett, Precept, "
 Oxford and Atlanta.....
D. D. Dodge, Oxford, Nebraska; F. Ashpole, supply, Atlanta, "
 Republican City and Bloomington.....To be supplied
 Fairfield and Fairview.....H. R. Lucore, supply, Blue Hill, Nebraska

N. B. Ghormley, principal Orleans Seminary; B. B. Orr, left without appointment to attend school at Orleans Seminary; A. R. Baxter, supernumerary, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Thomas, evangelist, Orleans, Nebraska; C. H. Sawyer, evangelist, Orleans, Nebraska; B. F. Taylor, left without appointment at his own request, Orleans, Nebraska.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—J. W. EDWARDS, District Elder.

Wellfleet and Curtis.....S. S. Cameron, supply, Curtis, Nebraska
 Eddy and Hayes Center.....George Vogt, Eddy, "
 Indianola and Cambridge.....J. L. Dodge, Orleans, "
 Wilsonville and Hudson Pillar..Mrs. Rosetta Bond Ekberg, supply, Wilsonville, "

S. T. Robinson, evangelist, Yutan, Nebraska; W. L. Giersdorf, granted certificate of standing with view to transfer; G. W. Hayes, left without appointment.

BELGRADE DISTRICT—K. THOMAS, District Elder, Orleans, Nebraska.

Belgrade, Fullerton and Christian Ridge.....F. Dubois, Belgrade, Nebraska
 Albion and Independence.....David Peck, Albion, "
 St. Paul, Concrete and Greeley county..C. H. Foe; Olive Foe, supply, St. Paul, "
 Giltner and Hastings.....J. H. Anderson, Marquette, "
 Central City.....To be supplied
 Low Prairie and Marquette.....R. A. Gould, Stark, Nebraska

Charles Wheeler, located according to ¶ 84, page 38, of the Discipline.

ANSLEY DISTRICT—K. THOMAS, District Elder.

Ansley, Elk Creek and Round Grove.....	B. F. Closson, Comstock, Nebraska	
Ravenna, Gibbon and Watson's Ranch.....	W. R. Todd, North Platte,	"
Comstock and Lone Elm.....	G. W. Tinker, Comstock,	"
Sargent, Zion Hill and Burwell.....	W. I. Farnham, Sargent,	"
New Helena and Walworth.....	A. F. Smith, supply, New Helena,	"
North Platte, Banner and Hershey.....	To be supplied	
George W. Johnston, evangelist, Comstock, Nebraska; G. W. Woogerd, granted certificate of standing with view to transfer; M. V. Hawk, left without appointment.		

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee on state of the work would make the following report:

Six camp-meetings, three Fourth of July meetings, and three tent meetings have been held this year with good results. We have increased in unity and faith, and a general revival spirit prevails. The new work is remarkable for its spirituality. Some have united with us from other conferences, and a goodly number of young ministers and workers have been raised up the past year who are aggressive and filled with courage.

The tongue has been bridled the past year; the attendance at our quarterly meetings has increased, and the outlook for the future of our conference is very encouraging; yet we believe it to be the privilege of our people to enjoy a deeper spirituality.

II.—ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Every spiritual movement of permanent consequence has its attendant impulse to Christian culture. As exponents of this sentiment a number of schools have a place in our church. The immediate purpose of these institutions is to provide the opportunity for our young people to acquire liberal as well as special education, with the most favorable moral and religious surroundings. It is not enough that our children be cultured—it must be Christian culture. We recognize the province of Free Methodist schools in fitting their students to be, to do, to dare, to suffer for Jesus' sake in home and foreign lands.

It should require no argument to induce our people to patronize our own schools. It is well nigh useless to expect the salvation of our children when we voluntarily entrust the moulding of their characters to infidels and skeptics. In this, if in anything, we must be "workers together with God."

We note with satisfaction that the Free Methodists of the patronizing territory of Orleans Seminary are constant in their allegiance to this institution. Preachers and pilgrims of the Platte River conference are intensely in earnest in their support of the school, and there are unmistakable evidences of increased interest in the adjoining conferences; yet much remains to be done in securing the best results. We are easily within the truth in saying that not more than one in ten of our young people who should enjoy its benefits is to be found in the seminary. God has owned the sacrifice of his people in carrying and materially diminishing the seminary indebtedness during the financial pressure. Our past efforts in this direction should be continued. It is ours to still pray, give and labor. We must not rest until, free from debt and thoroughly equipped and endowed, our school stands second to none in this western country.

III.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is an institution for which we should praise God and feel grateful to the man who was first moved to gather together and religiously instruct children on the Sabbath day. We reaffirm the necessity of parents accompanying their children to Sunday-school promptly and constantly. We insist on the introduction and use of our literature to the exclusion of all other, and recommend a more general use of charts, blackboards, object lessons, etc., by our people. We are pleased to know that the Home Department work is being pushed by the leaders of our church and indorsed by our conference; and hope our Sunday-school workers in general will put the plan into operation. We advise the use of the Free Methodist Catechism as good supplementary work. It is our blessed privilege to keep our Sunday-school spiritual, interesting and out of formal routine.

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications would submit the following report:

While we look upon the dime novel and story paper of to-day as degrading and an open and avowed enemy of God and his cause, and intend to continue a warfare against the same, we believe that we see in the so-called religious literature of Adventism, Come-outism, Dowieism, Mormonism or Latter Day Saints, and Christian Science a more subtle foe than these—"a wolf in sheep's clothing." As a small amount of poison unfits the choicest food for use, so the false doctrines and teachings of these works corrupt them and destroy their usefulness, rendering them dangerous and deceptive. "While they promise them liberty they themselves are the servants of corruption" (2 Pet. 2:19). We warn and admonish all to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

We regret that the works of Wesley, Clarke, B. T. Roberts and other men of sound experience and unquestioned piety are being set aside, and the libraries of many of our people, and some of our ministers, are filling up with the popular holiness works of a later date. We believe this is a departure from "the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set." Our mission as a church is "to maintain the Bible standard of Christianity and to preach the gospel to the poor." Many of the holiness publications of to-day we think are below this standard.

We thank God that in the midst of this flood of impure and irreligious literature we see a small stream issuing from the consecrated press of the Free Methodist Publishing House, whose living waters sparkle with divine truth. The first of these productions is the *Free Methodist*—a clean, straight holiness paper, which ought to be in the home of every member of our church. We would emphasize the fact that the Sabbath-school literature put out by our publishing house is the best to be found, and should be in use in all our schools. The publishing house handles a choice selection of books, which ought to be circulated as much as possible.

In closing we want to remind you that we have a Hymn Book. It is a good one. The Discipline says we should use it. It may be obtained at the publishing house also.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE—

CONTINUED

ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE, NORTH PLATTE, ANSLEY, CENTRAL CITY AND HASTINGS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ORLEANS DISTRICT											
Orleans and Atlanta.....			\$25 00	\$1 65	\$ 355 57	\$ 61 65	\$ 74 90				
Alma and Republican City.....	\$1 00		3 20		244 00	81 73		1	\$ 500	1	\$ 500
Bloomington and Pleasant View..					33 50	23 65					
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT											
Oxford and Precept.....	2 00		22 00		216 74	40 60		2	1500		
Wilsonville and Cambridge.....					59 00	35 37	19 35			1	300
Indianola and Curtis.....						30 38					
ANSLEY DISTRICT											
Ansley, Elk Creek Round Grove..			20 00		160 00	30 92	3 00	1	125		
Sargent, Zion Hill and Burwell....					15 10	21 34					
Comstock, Westerville, Lone Elm			12 02	70	90 20	35 37	7 32	2	200	1	100
New Helena and Walworth.....					40 00	27 32	4 50				
Ravenna and Gibbon.....	37		5 64		230 07	27 54	6 73	1	600	1	300
CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT											
Central City and Marquette.....			5 26		17 00	22 00		1	1200		
Belgrade and Mt. Pleasant.....			13 14		485 00	51 50	21 00	1	900	1	700
Albion and Independence.....					106 58	28 25	25 00	1	600	1	500
Stark and Low Prairie.....			10 97		141 26	51 21	22 25			1	550
St. Paul and Concrete.....			7 64		120 00	27 15				1	1000
HASTINGS DISTRICT											
Giltner and Prosser.....	3 50		16 00		100 00	32 95	9 90			1	300
Fairfield and Hastings.....		\$1 04			20 00	17 00		1	400		
Blue Hill and Otto.....	2 40	2 00	4 85		47 20	32 18					
NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT											
North Platte and Banner.....			10 00		171 20	41 35	4 25				
Wellfleet and Maywood.....					34 23	24 50					
Wallace and Strickland.....			12 41		104 92	49 59	6 00				
Total.....	\$9 27	\$3 04	\$168 03	\$2 35	\$2791 57	\$743 55	\$204 20	11	\$6025	9	\$4250

WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session, held at Shenandoah, Iowa,

September 3-7, 1902

OFFICERS

E. P. HART, President.

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On Publications—J. H. Wilson, J. F. Mudd, M. L. Bentley.

On Reforms—M. D. Myers, W. H. Wilfong, D. C. Eddy.

On Education—D. C. Lamson, R. W. Meeker, O. E. Vredenberg.

On Sabbath-schools—G. W. Taylor, B. C. Marts, F. I. Waters.

On State of the Work—J. H. Wilson, E. N. Miller.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—F. I. Waters.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—R. H. Smyth.

On Education—D. C. Lamson.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Reforms—E. N. Miller.

On Sabbath-schools—G. W. Taylor.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. Dake,
M. D. Myers,
George Patrick,
J. F. Mudd,
D. C. Lamson,
W. F. Butman,
R. W. Meeker,
Thomas Larsen.

J. S. Phillips,
T. J. Gates,
J. J. Woof,
O. L. Mossman,
F. D. Christie,
O. Peitsmeyer,
P. H. Arlington,

E. N. Miller,
F. E. Eaton,
D. C. Eddy,
R. M. Rhamy,
A. K. Main,
R. H. Smyth,
T. B. Webb,

J. H. Wilson,
F. I. Waters,
G. W. Taylor,
A. Dowd,
L. True,
W. W. Crippen,
W. L. Giersdorf,

DELEGATES

Nancy Rogers,
Flora Burrhus,
Philip Sease,
W. D. Groesbeck,
M. A. Dowd,

Maud Wallace,
Allen Smith,
W. H. Wilfong,
Susan Meads,
I. E. Van Horn,

T. Woodmansee,
B. C. Marts,
M. L. Bentley,
Robert Busby,
Clara Blackburn,

O. E. Vredenberg,
Beulah McDonald,
Minerva Wray,
Marion Wilson,
Thomas Simmons.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, E. N. Miller, J. H. Wilson, W. H. Wilfong, M. L. Bentley.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. D. Groesbeck.

4. Who remain on trial? J. R. Sutton, Benton Ingram.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Thomas Larsen.
6. Who are the deacons? W. W. Crippen, O. Peitsmeyer, T. B. Webb, W. L. Giersdorf, *Thomas Larsen, R. W. Meeker.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? R. H. Smyth.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Dowd.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. W. Dake, J. S. Phillips, R. M. Rhamy.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? P. H. Arlington, from the Nebraska conference; R. W. Meeker, from the Iowa conference; W. L. Giersdorf, from the Platte River conference; T. B. Webb, from the Missouri conference; Thomas Larsen, from the Colorado conference.
12. None.
- †13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? L. True.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and all passed except one.
15. Who have died this year? W. B. Nixon.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistics.
21. See report on conference claimants and claims.
22. See treasurer's report.
23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? A committee consisting of E. N. Miller, J. H. Wilson and M. L. Bentley was appointed to locate the place; the time to be as near the last week in August or the first week in September, 1903, as is convenient with the plans of the general superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eighteenth session of the conference was held at Shenandoah, Iowa, Sept. 3-7, 1902. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided ably and satisfactorily. The conference sittings were harmonious and the services spiritual. A number of brethren from abroad were present and added materially to the interest of the conference.

The following preached: P. H. Arlington, F. I. Waters, M. D. Myers and E. Ballenger, once each; J. W. Edwards, J. B. Freeland and E. P. Hart twice each. A number were at the altar as seekers.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held an interesting meeting which was addressed by Mrs. E. P. Hart. A free-will offering of \$9.78 and a subscription of \$30.00 for India orphans were taken.

A collection of \$55.72 was taken to meet all deficiency in conference claims. About \$43.00 was raised for the incidental expenses of the conference. Also collections were taken for the secretaries, treasurer and the resident pastor and district elder. J. B. Freeland represented the Wessington Springs Seminary and took subscriptions for that school amounting to nearly \$100.00. About \$130.00 was raised for the funeral expenses of Rev. W. Nixon, and other expenses incurred in his last illness.

*Ordained this year.

†The name of T. H. Allen should have come under this question in the minutes of last year, he having taken a certificate of good standing from the Shenandoah district quarterly conference. The omission was an error of the secretary.

The order of collections for next year was fixed as follows: First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Conference Claimants'; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Missions and Church Extension.

APPOINTMENTS

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT—J. H. WILSON, District Elder, 305 E. Chestnut St., Clarinda, Iowa.

Shenandoah and Bingham.....A. K. Main, Shenandoah, Iowa
 Imogene, Center Chapel and Griswold.....W. D. Groesbeck, Pisgah, "
 College Springs.....George Patrick, College Springs, "
 Clarinda.....Anna Taylor, supply, 301 Lincoln Ave., Clarinda, "
 Hamburg and Brightside school-house.....E. Sams, supply, Hamburg, "
 Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill.....J. F. Mudd, Braddyville, "

J. W. Dake, superannuated, Shambaugh, Iowa; J. S. Phillips, superannuated, Weyerhauser, Wis.; G. W. Taylor, evangelist, 301 Lincoln Ave., Clarinda, Iowa; T. J. Gates, left without appointment, Moscow, Oklahoma Territory; Benton Ingram, left without appointment to attend school, Greenville, Illinois.

CRESTON DISTRICT—J. H. WILSON, District Elder.

Carbon and Mt. Etna.....R. H. Smyth, Carbon, Iowa
 Gravity and Glasco school-house.....P. H. Arlington, Gravity, "
 Caledonia and Garden Grove.....W. F. Butman
 Lorimor.....T. B. Webb, Lorimor, Iowa

R. M. Rhamy, superannuated, Garden Grove, Iowa.

DUNLAP DISTRICT—J. H. WILSON, District Elder.

Council Bluffs.....Thomas Larsen, Council Bluffs, Iowa
 Sandy Point and Pisgah.....W. W. Crippen, Merrill, "
 Dunlap, Dow City and Mullen school-house.....W. L. Giersdorf, Dunlap, "

A. Dowd, supernumerary, Oakland, Iowa; F. D. Christie, left without appointment.

BOONE DISTRICT—E. N. MILLER, District Elder.

Boone and Ogden.....F. I. Waters; N. Katie Waters, supply, Boone, Iowa
 Polk City.....D. O. Eddy, Polk, "
 Bear Grove and Coon Rapids.....D. C. Lamson, Nora Lamson, supply, Coon Rapids, "
 Churdan, Seranton and Hobbs' school-house.....J. J. Woof, Boone, "

O. Peitsmeyer, evangelist, Bear Grove, Iowa; L. True, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

SIOUX CITY DISTRICT—E. N. MILLER, District Elder.

Danbury and Onawa.....R. W. Meeker, Danbury, Iowa
 Ida Grove.....J. R. Sutton, Ida Grove, "
 Correctionville and Kingsley.....F. E. Eaton, Correctionville, "
 Merrill and Le Mars.....M. D. Myers, Correctionville, "

SAC CITY DISTRICT—E. N. MILLER, District Elder.

Sac City and Early.....O. L. Mossman, Early, Iowa
 Plover and Leebe school-house.....Winnie Myler, supply, Plover, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED FOR CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—\$58.26.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$98.25.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'.—Assessed and paid, \$196.50.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS'.—Assessed and paid, \$117.90.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed and paid, \$65.50.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Assessed and paid, \$98.25.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—\$25.50.

II.—ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS.

The claims for the next year were fixed as follows: J. W. Dake, \$150.00; J. S. Phillips, \$100.00; R. M. Rhamy, \$100.00; Carrie Nixon, orphan child, \$20.00.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

These are days when "of making many books there is no end." Equally true is it that many of them are of a light, trashy character, while not a few are absolutely pernicious. Hence, the necessity of laying stress upon a careful selection, and urgency of disseminating that which is wholesome, uplifting and spiritual in its character. As a church we should be foremost in this as in other respects as regards our position in the van of reformation and spirituality. Especially we would recognize the benefit of disseminating books on the subject of holiness and biographies of those who enjoyed and exemplified this grace. We are glad to note that our publishing house has obtained the copyright and plates of some such books, and will be pleased to hear of more such acquisitions in the future.

As to our publications, we would record our opinion of the high merit and sound doctrine with which their pages are filled from time to time. The *Free Methodist*, not only with us as a people, but with many others, ranks as the very best all 'round religious paper and holiness periodical extant. Its subscription list should be larger, so that its helpful influence might be felt more widely. Especially should no Free Methodist family be without its weekly visits.

The high standard of our Sunday-school supplies is very gratifying; and the advent of our church Catechism should produce better knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible, and produce stronger spiritual character among our young people. We would advise the organization of classes in the Catechism in our Sunday-schools wherever possible.

We would advise our pastors to patronize our own publishing house as much as possible, and scatter those books which best represent our spiritual and reformatory standards. The times demand the employment of this and all other agencies at command to the greatest possible extent for the salvation of the people. Let us assume our share of responsibility, and so labor as finally to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

At the present time there is a large field of usefulness for salvation schools. There are many educational institutions in the land which utterly fail in imparting spiritual life to their students. In fact they do worse than fail, for they fill their minds with skeptical views regarding God and his word, and so turn them away from the salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some large church organizations have recently become alarmed to find that their cherished institutions of learning are manned with teachers who, like those in Jeremiah's time, have "rejected the word of the Lord, and what wisdom is in them." With such a condition of things all around us it is with thankfulness that we see the manifest blessing of God on our own church schools; and note the advancement along the lines of true Christian education. Whatever may have been our fears during the early years of these institutions, the results now clearly show that the great sacrifice and labor have not been in vain in the Lord. Considering the investment of money, labor and time, there is no department of our work that has yielded so large and permanent a fruitage as that of Christian education.

But, after all, the work has but fairly begun; for the rapid increase of population and the large attendance of students is bringing still greater demands, which must be met if we hold the ground already gained and take advantage of the enlarged opportunities for usefulness which are now before us.

Wessington Springs Seminary, of which we are a patronizing conference, is a noble school and is worthy of our heartiest support. Students who are sent there will have excellent opportunities for spiritual as well as mental advancement. Just now there is a pressing need for money to increase the departments and facilities to meet the present demand. We most heartily recommend to the faithful women of our conference the efforts now being made to secure funds to build a ladies' hall, a building very much needed. As a conference we ought to make a strong, united effort this year in behalf of this worthy institution. Let us not be found wanting.

We would not encourage our people to engage in enterprises which lead to the formation of new schools, as we believe we have all the schools that we can well support. But we would turn our undivided efforts towards building up and sustaining our present Christian schools.

We further recommend that Rev. J. B. Freeland be allowed suitable time at the conclusion of this report to present the needs of Wessington Springs Seminary.

V.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

On looking over the condition of our work we have reason to be thankful for as healthy a condition of affairs as exists. In the main our people are "asking for the old paths."

With few exceptions we note that our pilgrims are the plain, neat, shining-faced saints of the old Methodist type.

Unfortunately our work has had very few revivals within the last few years. This condition has its causes, and it becomes us to inquire into and remedy them, for without revivals our work will die out, and our occupancy of the territory be a thing of the past.

There is a crying need for greater aggressiveness. There is yet much territory to be occupied. It is our conviction that our pastors, in the absence of conference evangelistic help, should unite in holding revivals and occupying new territory. Too frequently our protracted services fail to produce desired results for lack of proper support. The pastor is too often left almost alone, and the result is he wears himself out without being able to accomplish desired results. In order that pastors may be able thus to unite in the work our people should use to better advantage the sub-pastorate of early Methodism, *Viz.*, the class-leaders, local preachers and exhorters. Doubtless back of this we need a mighty pentecostal anointing to furnish power to operate these agencies.

We feel that many of the laity must get in closer touch with the needs of the work. We fear they feel little burden, because they understand so little of the condition of the work relative to soul-saving. Some of our people need a spirit of greater liberality in providing for the prosecution of the task before us. We fear many do not give as much for God's cause as they spent before they were saved in sinful indulgences. Too few give according to system, making the tenth of their income the minimum amount they set apart for God's work. O brethren, get this cause on your hearts, and then respond in keeping with your desires.

We fear, too, that there is a tendency in the ministry to lose sight of their all-important mission of building up the church of God and winning souls for Christ. In too many cases our ordination vows are measurably forgotten. So, instead of devoting ourselves to God's work wholly, in the ministry of the word, in prayer, in visiting and in study, we have turned our attention to secular pursuits. Wherever this has been done dissatisfaction has resulted, the interest has waned, and to continue such a course will ultimately result in death to the cause. We fear there is too great aptitude on the part of some to say, "What shall we eat, and what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed?" rather than to walk in the light of God and trust his promises. This weakens faith, blunts our conscience relative to consecration, and makes us an easy prey to the tempter's suggestions. If, as preachers, we would realize the best results, we must burn the bridges behind us, devote ourselves entirely to this work, become more studious, more engaged in the work of pastors. May God aid us to such consecration of ourselves to this work.

Finally, both preachers and people need a deeper unity. There have been too frequent conversations among our people concerning each other, which may properly be classed as evil speaking. Wherever this occurs, naturally the unity is broken, hearts are estranged and our work weakened. Let us read that part of our book of Discipline concerning "unity among ourselves," and obtain and read the book "Heart and Church" there recommended, go down before God and obtain such a pentecostal anointing as will aid us in carrying out its provisions; so shall the Lord own us and "revive us again."

VI.—ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. W. B. Nixon was born October 17, 1855, and died June 18, 1902. He was converted in a tent meeting held in Platteville, Wisconsin, in 1870, and united with the Free Methodist church. He joined the Iowa conference in 1884. At the organization of the West Iowa conference in 1885 he became a member of the same. He traveled the following circuits: Dunlap, Lenox and Cromwell; Sidney and Walkerville; Bingham, Gravity and Bedford; Clarinda and College Springs; Imogene, Scranton, Shenandoah and Coin; Clarinda and Shambaugh; and Bear Grove. He was emphatically a good man. He made a success in living religion. Though called to pass through severe afflictions he was sustained by the grace of God. He was a preacher of no mean ability. His aim was to glorify God. He, with the great apostle to the Gentiles, could say, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." The last year of his life was one of great bodily affliction, but he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. Toward the last he desired to depart and be with Christ. His last words were, "Praise the Lord!" A good, true man has fallen. May we die the death of the righteous, and may our last end be like his.

VII.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Impressions made upon the mind in the early part of life are lasting. Therefore we recognize the importance of the Sabbath-school as a good field in which to sow the seed of truth with the expectation of its yielding a harvest of good Christian men and women.

The church certainly receives great benefit from the Sabbath-school. Not only are the young nourished and instructed in the doctrines of the Bible as they are taught in our church, but it is a source through which older ones can gain knowledge, especially young converts, also those who unite with us from formal churches. We ought to be awake to the fact that the "scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for

reproof, for correction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." We, therefore, with these facts before us, would humbly say, Let all who are interested in their own souls and the souls of others, be interested in the Sabbath-school.

1. We would urge the pastors of circuits to give this part of the church work their earnest attention. As it is natural to look to the leader, much depends upon the interest the preacher takes in the Sabbath-school, as to whether it will be a success.

2. The parents must take an interest in seeing that their children attend our own Sabbath-schools, and manifest their desire for the children's welfare by being in the school with them.

3. Let the officers and teachers be selected from the best talent in the church, those who are sound in doctrine, faith, experience and Christian character. Also select the best singer to lead, and urge that the singing be spiritual and have life and soul in it. We would also say, let us insist that our own church Sabbath-school literature be used in all our schools, as we know it to be sound in doctrine.

We recommend that our schools be organized according to Discipline; also, that we indorse the Home Department work.

And last, but not least, let us expect immediate results through our Sabbath-school labor in the conversion of souls.

VIII.—ON REFORMS.

SABBATH DEDICATION.—Irreverence and disregard for the Sabbath of the Lord is alarmingly on the increase. Sunday excursions, base-ball games, and the pursuits of pleasure are rapidly taking the place of religious worship among the masses. Also, among our own people in some places we notice with regret a growing tendency to spend the day in Sunday visiting and secular conversation. We also find some on almost every circuit who have contracted that most fatal contagion—Sunday sickness. Some say that nothing ails them; some give them up for lost; while others think they are trying to get around the cross. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

THE SOCIAL EVIL.—The social evil, with all its moral virus and physical corruption, is alarmingly on the increase, and demands, on our part, as Christians and citizens of our country, that we put forth heroic efforts to stem the tide of evil and purify the morals of family, church and state. We call especial attention to the splendid articles from the able pen of our beloved editor, W. T. Hogue, treating on the social evil, which have appeared in the *Free Methodist* for several weeks just past. We hope all our people have read those articles.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—Like the frogs in Egypt, their number is legion. The whole brood has its origin in carnal selfishness, and cannot but produce its kind in fruit. These societies are becoming more and more a menace to the peace and happiness of those who do not go in with them. Brethren, is it not a fact that some of us seldom, if ever, utter a word, either in public or private, against this great and growing evil? Let us awake and sound the alarm, "Come out of her, my people."

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—How shall we meet this great evil? Answer—Agitate, educate. The use of alcoholic liquors is on the increase. This is clearly noticeable in the enormous amount of money spent for spirits, wine and beer in the year 1901, which amounts to \$1,219,000,000, or \$15.70 per capita for each man, woman and child in the United States; or \$75.00 for each family. We are thoroughly disgusted with the old whisky parties, which have traduced the cause of temperance so often, and sold out to the rummies for filthy lucre's sake. We are thoroughly convinced that the only way to suppress this giant evil is to vote the straight prohibition ticket.

THE MUSTACHE.—We have great reason to be thankful for the manifest reformation upon the faces of our ministry, and hope the day is not far distant when the lone mustache, both with the ministry and laity, will be a thing of the past.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conf'rents' Fund	General Superin-	Students' Claim	Conference Mis-	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Soci-eties
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT	E. N. Miller, District Elder	39	13	52	1	2	2	14	53	11	\$ 8 70	\$ 5 22	\$ 2 90	\$ 2 90	\$ 4 35	\$ 2 90	\$ 4 35	\$ 4 35	\$ 31 88
	A. K. Main	13	3	13	1	1	1	1	3	1	2 00	1 50							
	E. N. Miller	13	3	13	1	1	1	1	3	1	2 00	1 50							
	E. N. Miller	13	3	13	1	1	1	1	3	1	2 00	1 50							
	Imogene	31	34	31	1	1	1	7	35	10	10 50	6 30	3 50	3 50	5 25	3 50	5 25	14 66	
	College Springs	24	10	34	2	1	1	8	30	10	6 30	3 95	2 20	2 20	3 30	2 20	3 30	19 38	
	Clarinda	36	1	37	1	1	1	5	20	4	4 85	3 45							
	Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill	19	1	19	1	1	1	2	4	4	4 85	3 45							
	R. H. Smyth	19	1	19	1	1	1	2	4	4	4 85	3 45							
	E. Sams, supply	19	1	19	1	1	1	2	4	4	4 85	3 45							
CRESTON DISTRICT	E. N. Miller, District Elder	31	11	31	2	1	1	9	40	9	11 00	2 75	3 90	3 90	5 85	2 30	3 45		11 00
	G. M. Lesan, supply	25	6	31	1	1	1	14	44	9	6 30	4 15	2 30	2 30	3 45	2 30	3 45		7 25
	P. H. Arlington, supply	15	4	19	1	1	1	4	15	2	4 20	2 62	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 30	2 10		
	A. Dowd	15	3	18	1	1	1	7	20	2	3 90	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 30	1 25		
	W. F. Beetman	12	3	15	1	1	1	7	20	2	3 90	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 30	1 25		
	Beaconsfield and Caledonia	18	9	27	1	2	2	10	60	7	3 90	2 34	1 30	1 30	1 95	1 30	1 95		
	Lorimer	18	9	27	1	2	2	10	60	7	3 90	2 34	1 30	1 30	1 95	1 30	1 95		
	E. N. Miller, District Elder	19	3	22	1	1	1	4	30	1	4 50	2 70	1 50	1 50	2 50	1 50	2 25		
	Thomas Larsen, supply	14	1	15	1	1	1	4	15	3	3 40	2 25	1 65	1 65	2 10	1 40	1 95		
	E. N. Miller	31	10	41	2	2	2	12	63	10	9 30	5 40			1 92	3 10			
DUNLAP DISTRICT	W. L. Giersdorf, supply	31	10	41	2	2	2	12	63	10	9 30	5 40			1 92	3 10			
	E. N. Miller, District Elder	33	3	36	1	1	1	5	20	9	12 30	7 38	4 10	4 10	6 15	4 10	6 15		6 00
	J. H. Wilson, District Elder	28	19	47	1	2	2	16	50	8	9 35	5 00	1 95	1 95	5 70	2 00	3 80		
	D. C. Lamson, N. Lamson, sup.	16	16	32	1	1	1	7	30	8	5 70	3 42	1 90	1 90	2 85	1 90	2 85		
	O. C. Eddy	23	23	46	1	1	1	7	30	8	5 70	3 42	1 90	1 90	2 85	1 90	2 85		
	Bear Grove	23	23	46	1	1	1	7	30	8	5 70	3 42	1 90	1 90	2 85	1 90	2 85		
	Coon Rapids	23	23	46	1	1	1	7	30	8	5 70	3 42	1 90	1 90	2 85	1 90	2 85		
	F. I. Waters, N. K. Waters, sup	18	18	36	1	1	1	14	35	6	8 70	5 42	2 90	2 90	4 60	2 90	4 60		
	L. True	18	18	36	1	1	1	14	35	6	8 70	5 42	2 90	2 90	4 60	2 90	4 60		
	Scranton, Churdan and Hobb's S. H.	18	18	36	1	1	1	14	35	6	8 70	5 42	2 90	2 90	4 60	2 90	4 60		
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT	J. H. Wilson, District Elder	28	1	29	2	2	2	16	60	6	9 60	5 76	3 20	3 20	4 80	3 20			17 63
	R. W. Meeker, supply	12	1	13	1	1	1	5	15	4	4 00		1 40	1 40	2 10				
	F. E. Eaton	32	2	34	1	1	1	7	30	16	12 60	7 56	4 20	4 20	6 30	4 20	6 30	\$4 00	6 00
	M. D. Myers	15	2	17	1	1	1	8	16	6	5 70	3 42	1 90	1 90	2 85	1 90	2 85		
	W. W. Crippen	15	2	17	1	1	1	8	16	6	5 70	3 42	1 90	1 90	2 85	1 90	2 85		
	J. H. Wilson, District Elder	13	1	14	1	1	1	11	48	2	3 60		1 20	1 20	1 80	1 20			
SAC CITY DISTRICT	J. R. Sutton	34	9	43	3	3	3	11	48	10	10 20	6 22	3 40	3 40	5 10	3 40			
	O. L. Mossman	26	13	39	1	1	1	6	20	11	8 10	4 86	4 03	4 03	4 05	2 70			9 00
	Winnie Myler, supply	26	13	39	1	1	1	6	20	11	8 10	4 86	4 03	4 03	4 05	2 70			
	Winnie Myler, supply	26	13	39	1	1	1	6	20	11	8 10	4 86	4 03	4 03	4 05	2 70			
Total		608	111	719	13	8	34	210	809	174	\$183 92	\$39 36	\$56 03	\$56 03	\$89 02	\$52 80	\$62 00	\$4 00	\$124 79

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE—
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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT						\$ 498 87					
Shenandoah and Bingham			\$ 34 79		\$ 405 45		\$ 31 13	2	\$2550	1	\$ 800
Griswold and Center Chapel								1	600		
Imogene								1	900		
College Springs			15 04		320 00		6 00	1	1000	1	400
Clarinda		\$1 00	19 33		205 12		32 31	1	1500	1	700
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill			20 76		373 03			2	1250	1	500
Hamburg			8 75		282 21			1	800	1	450
CRESTON DISTRICT											
Carbon and Mt. Etna			20 00		361 64			1	800	1	600
Gravity and Glasco school-house ..			7 73		371 50		15 50	1	800	1	400
Garden Grove			6 21		*160 71			1	700		
Beaconsfield and Caledonia			5 72		123 00						
Lorimor			16 00		330 78		15 00			1	425
DUNLAP DISTRICT											
Council Bluffs					247 00		8 50	1	2200	1	800
Sandy Point and Pisgah			6 00					1	300		
Dunlap and Mullen school-house ..			8 00		492 05		7 15	2	1600	1	500
BOONE DISTRICT						546 61					
Boone and Ogden			12 03		375 00		7 25	3	2600	1	600
Polk City			30 00		425 00		14 07	2	2000	1	800
Bear Grove			11 36		239 21			1	1000	1	400
Coon Rapids			16 00		369 44			3	2200	1	600
Scranton, Churdan and Hobb's S. H.					195 00			3	1950	2	900
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT											
Danbury					425 00		25 00	1	1200	1	600
Ida Grove			5 90		335 00		1 50	1	1500	1	300
Correctionville and Kingsley			15 46		471 00			2	2000	1	600
Merrill and Le Mars			10 00		386 00			1	800	1	600
SAC CITY DISTRICT											
Jolley and Leebe school-house					153 00			1	600	1	300
Early, Sac City and Marshall S. H.			21 26		416 54		20 68	1	800	1	600
Plover and Curlew			12 93		223 85		18 32	1	1000		
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Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Toledo, Ohio, August
27-31, 1902

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On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—D. W. Wesley, E. D. Crane.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. F. Matthewson, O. L. Spencer, J. C. Sherburne.

On Reforms—W. F. Matthewson, H. W. Sanderson, E. T. Chandler, E. S. Leibhardt.

On Publications—S. W. Stone, H. W. Mitchell, H. E. Asplin, A. V. Leonardson.

On Education—J. A. Bolton, F. C. Calkins, J. H. Hayden, J. Moody.

On Sunday-schools—L. G. Lewis, H. F. Hall, A. Stevens, O. M. Shaw.

On Conference Collections—W. F. Matthewson.

On State of the Work—J. E. Williams, F. L. Hall, J. W. Headley.

STANDING COMMITTEES

To Secure Reduced Rates to Conference Next Year—D. W. Wesley.

To Take Charge of Conference Tent—The district elders.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. E. Williams, L. G. Lewis, J. W. Headley, O. M. Shaw, E. S. Leibhardt.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. W. Stone, president, for two years; W. F. Matthewson, secretary, for three years;
F. L. Hall, for one year.

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On Reforms—D. W. Wesley.

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On Sunday-schools—W. F. Matthewson.

On Education—F. L. Hall.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

F. L. Hall,
J. H. Hayden,
A. Stevens,
H. W. Sanderson,
D. W. Wesley,
F. C. Calkins,
O. L. Spencer.

J. W. Headley,
J. Lawrence,
H. F. Hall,
O. F. Scott,
W. F. Matthewson,
L. G. Lewis,
G. R. Morris.

J. E. Williams,
G. A. Olmstead,
F. Delong,
J. A. Bolton,
B. B. Casto,
H. W. Mitchell.

S. W. Stone,
E. N. Foulk,
J. C. Sherburne,
E. D. Crane,
T. B. Adams,
A. V. Leonardson.

DELEGATES

Jerome Moody,	C. Simonson,	H. E. Asplin,	E. T. Chandler,
J. W. Davis,	G. M. Geiounge,	E. S. Leibhardt,	O. W. Smith,
O. Van Wye,	James Longbreak,	J. E. Crider,	Fred Powell,
S. Womer,	Amanda Cowell,	S. C. Wycoff,	George Simmonds,
W. J. Hampp,	J. A. Hopkins,	R. Baker,	O. M. Shaw,
Leander Hayden,	Thomas Strickling,	Mary Osborne,	E. A. Clement.

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, J. E. Williams, J. W. Headley, F. L. Hall, E. S. Leibhardt, R. Baker, J. Moody.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Raymond B. Niles, J. B. Thompson, Jr., J. A. Hopkins, O. M. Shaw, J. M. Swain, C. W. Smith, E. S. Jennings.

4. Who remain on trial? Noah Van Kennel, A. C. Hartley.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? B. B. Casto, F. Delong, H. W. Mitchell, O. L. Spencer.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. Lawrence, J. H. Hayden.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? G. A. Olmstead.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? \$120.00.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The appointment of place was left with the district elders; the time to be as near the first Wednesday in September, 1903, as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Ohio conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Toledo, Ohio, August 27-31, 1902. General Superintendent George W. Coleman presided with his usual ability and preached three times to the edification of all.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: F. J. Calkins, W. J. Jackson and O. L. King of the East Michigan conference; G. H. Peters and C. H. Jerome of the Michigan conference; Rev. Mr. Trovinger of the United Brethren church, Rev. J. K. Argo, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. S. Mowrey of the Wesleyan Methodist connection.

The committee on claims and claimants recommended that G. A. Olmstead be superannuated with a claim of \$120.00. An appropriation of \$40.00 was asked of the General Missionary Board to assist the society at Akron, Ohio, in paying hall rent, and \$25.00 for the pastor at Galion, Ohio.

The following ministers preached during the conference session: G. W. Coleman, D. W. Wesley, J. E. Williams, F. J. Calkins, O. L. King, W. J. Jackson, G. R. Morris, L. G. Lewis, Mrs. G. W. Coleman.

Six promising young men were received into the conference on trial, and four others took work as supplies.

At the close of the Sunday morning services G. R. Morris was ordained to the office of deacon.

F. L. Hall and W. F. Matthewson were elected ministerial delegates to general conference; J. E. Williams and D. W. Wesley, reserves. R. Baker and J. Moody were elected lay delegates; E. S. Leibhardt and J. E. Crider, reserves. Mary E. Hall was appointed delegate to general conference by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Ida L. Gage as reserve.

On Friday afternoon the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a public service, at which Mrs. G. W. Coleman preached in the interest of foreign missions, after which a collection and subscription of \$125.00 was raised for foreign missions. The W. F. M. S. reported as having raised over \$600.00 during the past year for missions.

There was raised for publishing the Minutes, \$28.00; for the secretaries, \$3.11; for the railroad secretary, \$2.90; for the indebtedness on the parsonage at Toledo, over \$500.00.

There were five sittings of the conference, all of which were very harmonious.

Conference collections are to be taken in the following order: First quarter, Home Missions and General Superintendents' Claim; second quarter, General Missions; third quarter, Church Extension and Aid Society; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' collection. The Home Missionary collection is to be equal to an amount of 10 cents per member.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the president for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference, and to the people of Toledo for the royal way in which they entertained the conference and its visitors during our stay among them.

APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—J. E. WILLIAMS, District Elder, 1011 Kinsman St. Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland.....	L. G. Lewis, Alice E. Lewis supply, 512 Bridge St., Cleveland, Ohio
Rocky River.....	H. W. Mitchell, Rocky River, "
Ridgeville and Bennett's Corners.....	C. W. Warner, supply, Bennett's Corners, "
Akron.....	D. W. Wesley, Akron, "
Grigg's Corners, Jefferson and Steamburg.....	J. B. Thompson, Jr., Steamburg, "
Cortland.....	J. A. Bolton, Helen S. Bolton supply, Cortland, "
Youngstown.....	A. V. Leonardson, 1038 Erie St., Youngstown, "
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....	R. B. Niles, Big Prairie, "
Howard and Davis.....	A. Stevens, Anna E. Stevens, supply, Davis, "

J. Lawrence, supernumerary, 108 Woodland Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. B. B. Casto, left without an appointment at his own request. George R. Morris, evangelist, Youngstown, Ohio.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—S. W. STONE, District Elder, Toledo, Ohio.

Toledo.....	F. L. Hall, 1608 Peoria St., Toledo, Ohio
Holland and Monclova.....	W. F. Matthewson, Holland, "
Delta and Amboy.....	E. S. Jennings, Delta, "
Edgerton, Bethel and Brunnersburg.....	C. W. Smith, Edgerton, "
North Baltimore, Bowling Green, Deshler and Burgoon.....	H. F. Hall, Mary E. Hall supply, North Baltimore, "
Hume and Cridersville.....	O. L. Stricker, supply, Hume, "
Galion and West Point.....	E. N. Foulk, Galion, "
Mansfield and Chicago.....	F. Delong, 50 Woodland Ave., Mansfield, "

J. H. Hayden, supernumerary; T. B. Adams, evangelist; G. A. Olmstead, supernumerary, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT—J. W. HEADLEY, District Elder, 8 Clover St., Zanesville, Ohio.

Summerfield, Tabor and East Union.....E. D. Crane, Summerfield, Ohio
 Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive.....F. C. Calkins, Sarahsville, "
 Hill Grove.....To be supplied
 Newport and Hall's Chapel.....N. Van Kennel, Newport, Ohio
 Zanesville.....J. C. Sherburne, 8 Clover St., Zanesville. "
 Byesville, Pleasant City and Senecaville.....To be supplied
 A. C. Hartley, left without appointment at his own request.

ATHENS DISTRICT—J. W. HEADLEY, District Elder.

Mt. Carmel, Stroud's Run and New England.....J. A. Hopkins, Bishopville, Ohio
 Pomeroy, Plants and East Letart.....C. F. Scott and O. M. Shaw
 Columbus and New Albany.....O. L. Spencer, New Albany, Ohio
 Dugan Hill and Tremont City.....J. M. Swain, Tremont City, "

CINCINNATI DISTRICT—J. W. HEADLEY, District Elder.

Buena Vista.....J. A. Hampp, supply
 Laurel and Sanes Creek.....A. O. Atkinson, supply
 H. W. Sanderson, evangelist, Urbana, Ohio.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Thomas Hales.....North Eaton, Ohio	George B. Strong.....Strongsville, Ohio
E. T. Chandler.....Cortland, "	Fred Heath.....Dorset, "
D. B. Landon, Jr.....Penn Line, Pa.	John W. Waldrath.....Conneautville, Pa.
H. E. Asplin.....Rockport, Ohio	William O. Jones.....Cleveland, Ohio
J. B. Thompson, Sr.....Holland, "	J. E. Cary.....Urbana, "
Joseph Atkinson.....Pomeroy, "	Martin Matheney.....Perryopolis, "
J. A. Wilson.....28 Jay St., Cleveland, "	J. M. Longbreak.....Deshler, "
George Lawrence, 1011 Kinsman St., Cleveland, Ohio.	

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

T. B. Adams.....	George R. Morris.....Youngstown, Ohio
H. W. Sanderson.....Urbana, Ohio	Mrs. Lillie A. Sanderson... Urbana, "
Mrs. Mary E. Hall...North Baltimore, "	Mrs. Helen S. Bolton.....Cortland, "
Mrs. S. J. Ray.....Burton, "	Mrs. Ida L. Gage.....Rocky River, "
Mrs. Abbie Headley, 8 Clover St., Zanesville, Ohio.	
Mrs. Alice E. Lewis, 512 Bridge St., Cleveland, Ohio.	

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Emma C. Adams.....	Mrs. Maria C. Aylard.....Brunswick, Ohio
Mrs. Mary Johnson.....Steamburg, Ohio	Mrs. Emily Crane.....Summerfield, "
Mrs. Anna Stevens.....Davis, "	Miss Sadie Russell.....Galion, "
Miss Effie Sayers.....Plants, "	S. P. Hysell.....Columbus, "
Miss Jessie M. Lawrence, Cleveland, Ohio.	
Levi Hostetler, Clark, Ohio.	

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Mrs. Effie Ross, Cleveland, Ohio.	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

RAISED TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—\$28.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—By W. F. M. S., \$625; by the pastors, \$94.05. Total, \$719.05.

HOME MISSIONS.—Claim, \$84.10.

Raised, \$58.30. Deficit, \$25.80.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Claim, \$126.15.

Raised, \$96.25. Deficit, \$29.90.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Claim, \$84.10.

Raised, \$64.87. Deficit, \$19.23.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Claim, \$151.38.

Raised, \$121.72. Deficit, \$29.66.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed, 252.30.

Raised, \$236.10. Deficit, 16.20.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Publications beg leave to submit the following report: One of the greatest powers for the upbuilding or destruction of the world is the press. By what men read they are made either better or worse. One has said, "I am a part of all I ever read," or what I read goes to make up what I am. Good men and bad men have both gotten a grip on the press. They are both determined to succeed in their work. The world, like an open sea, permits all people to steer where they please. Hence the necessity of having a definite purpose to choose the good and right, and to pass by the wrong and bad. As Christians and Free Methodists we should be especially careful as to what we read. We consider the publications of the Free Methodists as among the best, if not the best, published; the freest from destructive teaching. Seldom do we find anything within their pages but what is practical and experimental. The *Free Methodist*, with its able editor and many able contributors, makes up the best weekly paper that we can find. *The Earnest Christian*, a monthly magazine, always comes filled with choice things. We recommend the *Missionary Tidings* to all our people. Our Sunday-school literature is excellent and should be taken by all our Sunday-schools. We would also recommend the *Olive Branch* and the *Spring Arbor Chronicle*.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee would submit the following: One thing only is of more importance than the training of the minds of the young, *i. e.*, the salvation of the soul. As the twig is bent the tree is inclined. This is an age of hurry. Every thing goes on the hustle order. It seems well-nigh impossible to get a locomotive speeded high enough to suit the people. Every thing possible is done to get steamships of greater velocity. Factories are receiving every possible attention to accomplish the most in the least time. The old-fashioned plow and drag, cradle and scythe, fork and rake, are giving place to numerous inventions to facilitate labor on the farm. Horses are altogether too slow and old-fogyish for this age, so electricity is employed to expedite travel.

Even our public schools are run on the same principle, so much so that many of our young people, girls especially, are wrecked physically, even before they are ready to enter college. But that is not the worst. There is no time in the school-room for sowing seed thoughts of salvation in the young mind and heart, and we are sorry to say, in the majority of cases, no disposition. On the other hand, our children are exposed to agnosticism, theosophy, hypnotism, Romanism, Catholicism, Mormonism, modern Spiritism, Adventism, Free-Loveism, Christian Science, etc., etc., besides heresy from so-called orthodox people, together with rank infidelity. Teachers are apt to leave their peculiar religious taint on the pupil; a word dropped here and there, a look or action, will leave more or less color on the young mind, and that, too, given in pretended innocence. Teachers usually have the supreme confidence of the pupil, hence an easy prey. The child commencing his school life does not go more than two or three days at the most until moral taint is discovered by the parents, if they are Christians. Good men have always seen this tendency in our public schools. Now the system in itself is a grand one, but the tendency to evil and the ever-increasing spirit of the age to put the Bible out of our schools and do away with salvation and its influences is alarming, and parents everywhere should awake to this fact. Therefore,

Resolved, That we as a people, seeing this evil tide that is sweeping in our young people by the thousands, do all in our power to make our schools a success. We have seven, located as follows: Chili, N. Y.; Spring Arbor, Michigan; Greenville, Illinois; Evansville, Wisconsin; Orleans, Nebraska; Wessington Springs, South Dakota; and Seattle, Washington, with at least one prospective, thus giving the most of our people quite easy access to them. The influence of our schools, in the majority of cases, is excellent. We

count them the safest places in existence to send our young people for an education. Well trained minds are now more of a necessity than in the past. Hence, the need, as all can see, of good, Christian training for the young. We may as well mould the minds of our children as to leave it to agnostics, Spiritualists, Roman Catholics, Universalists, Unitarians, and skeptics in general. This means sacrifice of money and the company of the children in the home, but we count it a good investment. We think it safe to say that a large majority of the young people attending our schools are saved. We would just add that thorough salvation work in the churches of our country would better the moral condition of the education in our public schools, thus decreasing the demand for parochial schools.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

From her source and destiny the Christian church is by nature a reformer. She is opposed to wrong doing of every kind. She must ever take her place actively against evil before the world, or she dies. Like her founder she must be about the business of Him to whom sin is ever an abomination.

We rejoice that there is a branch of the Christian church which has thus far acquitted herself so nobly. To be in favor at the court of heaven her holiness must be of that practical type that has no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reproveth them.

With iniquity abounding in every form all around us, this is no time for us as a church to become indifferent to those issues which have been a part of that scriptural holiness which we are to spread over these lands.

Nor is it any time for us to quail before any new question that may arise by reason of the increased light which shall shine upon us as we walk with God. Hearts should be alarmed, and righteous souls vexed, with the ungodliness around us. Sabbath desecration is increasing at an alarming rate. A decade will rob us of its sacred quiet. Can we say we are clear when we allow our people to patronize the Sunday street-cars? Why not the steam-car as well? Oh, let us be careful lest we find ourselves aiding in the breaking down of God's holy institution of the Sabbath, while we are seeking to build up some church society.

We are opposed to organized secrecy. God grant that we may ever be. Our danger lies not in our members uniting with the Masons, but in their yielding to the labor unions. We view with alarm the fact that already there are such ones among us. When all the male members of one society belong to some union it is high time for us to stir ourselves in purging ourselves from these and diligently exposing the sin lest others fall. Let us beware of seemingly small infractions of the spirit of our Discipline on the question of dress. Two looks should not be required in distinguishing a pilgrim. Let us avoid such things as high collars and needless ribbons, which, though they be not gaudy, still do not give an impression of simplicity. We should be awake to the dangers of Romanism, and faithful in warning and rebuking the sin of tobacco-using, especially among the young, in the form of the deadly cigarette.

There is one root of iniquity and sum of villanies which underlies crime and sin of every kind. Our body politic is rotting with the gangrene of the licensed liquor traffic. No picture can be too dark to portray its diabolism, no language too strong to match its hellishness. Devils could not invent a more excruciating torture for the race. Our country is staggering to her doom under the curse of the legalized liquor traffic. We license that which makes impossible the salvation of 170,000 souls a year, to say nothing of the thousands indirectly influenced. The conscience of the nation has been so long benumbed by the license of liquor that now the license of prostitution is being talked of and put upon us. While we have been viewing the glories of benevolent assimilation, our armies have been rotting with a nameless disease, produced by an administration so in league with hell that it provided for the catering to and regulating of vice in our new island possessions.

In the face of the pleading of veteran missionaries, our pious presidents have headed administrations which have forced the liquor traffic upon the heathen world, that we might send ten drunkards to hell while we were sending one convert to heaven.

Of course the extension of trade is followed by the preaching of the gospel and the word of God, so we have the spectacle of a Christian nation enlarging trade by requiring its consuls in every country to make investigations as to the possibilities of the beer market. Surely we are praying "Thy kingdom come" with a vengeance. It has come to pass that 90 per cent. of Christian voters can go with sanctimonious air to the polls and vote for a man nominated at a convention where vice and drinking are the order of the day, where delegates wear tabs on their coats lest, becoming too drunk to find their way home, they be lost; and where cities entertaining such a convention are overrun with vile women from every sink-hole of vice in the surrounding country, that the convention may be provided for in due form. Are these things too strong? Do they grate on our delicate ears? Would God we might have consciences tender enough to purge us as a nation of these things. We are not here to arraign the liquor traffic. If invective and resolution could kill, the monster had died long ago. Church assemblies arraign and resolve, and conventions of liquor men follow in their wake, and deplore the dissolute aspects of the traffic. A certain gen-

eral conference declares it can never be legalized without sin, and a leading editor of the same denomination says with a wink of the eye, "The Republican party legalizes the traffic and I vote the ticket." Are these declarations of any force?

Listen to the voice of our own general conference: "Every man of God should break away from party trammels, and never knowingly give his vote or influence to elect any man to office who will use his official or personal influence to legalize the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage. As Christians we are bound to do all we can to prohibit by law this nefarious traffic." Why was this uttered? Has it any force? Does the nominee of an old party officially or personally aid in this business? What is needed is such an arraignment of the individual voter as will cause him to see that to vote an old party ticket is to put him in league with death and hell, and to make impossible the coming of that kingdom for which he professes to pray.

The boast of our nation is that the people rule. Christian voters are glad to hear this when some measure manifestly for the public weal is passed by their party. But what of the license laws? Whose servant is that county treasurer? If you voted for him he is yours by the very constitution he swore to support. Your servant, then, is handling the blood money of the saloon. In law the employer is responsible for the act of his agent. Woe unto them which justify the wicked for a reward. Let the awful fact of the legalized liquor traffic, and the deadness of Christian conscience haunt us as ministers of the gospel until our lips shall refuse to keep silent. Let us preach prohibition. No anti-saloon-league, take-what-you-can-get half loaf in present laws, while we vote the same old ticket that perpetuates the evil we fight, will ever satisfy the demands of righteousness. Surely if we neglect to warn men of their shameless complicity in this matter we shall come before the judgment with the blood of the slain on our hands. Let us preach prohibition until men shall feel themselves out of harmony with the Bible and the church in voting any but the Prohibition ticket—the party which alone stands for civic righteousness.

RESOLUTION

We deplore the fact that so many of our preachers are deficient in their conference studies. We feel that the real lack is in activity and economy of time. By care in these particulars the busiest man may add to his mental attainments. We should be glad to note conscientious efforts in this direction should the result be but one study a year. We believe the matter is vital, and that the requirements of the Discipline are reasonable and for a purpose. Therefore,

Resolved, That we urge and earnestly request that those guilty of neglect in this matter bestir themselves and ask God for grace to enable them to be more active in their pastoral work, and to apply themselves to the mastery as rapidly as may be possible of those branches of education which will surely make them workmen approved of God.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, TOLEDO, SUMMERFIELD AND ATHENS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
CLEVELAND																	
Cleveland.....	J. E. Williams, District Elder	42	3	45	2	1	5	40	13	\$ 13.80	\$	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.02	\$	\$19.50	\$35.00
Rocky River.....	A. V. Leonardson.....	20	...	20	1	1	8	40	14	6.60	3.95	1.80	2.24	2.00	3.90	20.00	24.95
Ridgeville and Bennetts Corners.....	B. B. Casto.....	24	...	24	1	2	10	45	5	8.00	4.40	1.70	2.24	2.00	3.90	20.00	24.95
Akron.....	Ida L. Gaze, supply.....	28	1	29	1	1	10	45	5	6.60	3.95	1.80	2.24	2.00	3.90	20.00	24.95
Griggs Corners, Jefferson, Stranburg.....	H. W. Mitchell.....	50	2	52	3	1	8	30	6	10.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	14.00	14.00
Youngstown.....	A. C. Hartley.....	19	2	21	1	1	10	50	6	7.50	4.50	1.50	3.75	2.50	3.75	5.38	29.26
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....	J. C. Sherburne.....	18	...	18	1	2	10	40	5	6.60	3.95	1.80	2.24	2.00	3.90	20.00	24.95
Howard and Davis.....	I. H. Potts, supply.....	30	2	32	1	2	10	45	6	9.90	3.95	1.80	4.35	3.30	4.35	6.00	6.00
Cortland.....	A. Stephens.....	27	1	28	1	1	6	15	7	8.70	5.42	2.40	4.35	2.90	4.35	73.50	73.50
Mentor.....	J. A. Bolton.....	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	1.20	80	40	4.60	3.40	60	12.51	73.50
TOLEDO DISTRICT																	
Toledo.....	F. L. Hall, District Elder	28	3	31	...	1	9	79	5	4.80	2.88	1.60	2.40	1.60	2.40	11.95	13.46
Holland and Monclova.....	S. W. Stone.....	37	2	39	2	1	13	100	8	9.90	5.58	3.10	4.65	3.10	4.65	6.41	38.31
Delta and Amboy.....	H. F. Hall, M. E. Hall, supply.....	38	2	40	2	1	4	27	8	12.00	7.30	1.00	1.80	1.00	6.00	19.00	19.00
Edgerton, Beulah and Brunersburg.....	E. S. Jennings, supply.....	37	2	39	1	2	11	70	10	6.90	4.14	1.80	2.46	2.30	3.45	32.86	32.86
N. Batimore, Bowling Green, Burgoon.....	E. N. Fink.....	23	11	34	...	3	5	80	5	6.90	4.14	2.30	3.45	2.30	3.45	...	...
Desher and Findlayville.....	G. A. Onstead, supply.....	22	1	23	1	...	7	40	2	5.40	3.24	1.60	2.40	1.60	2.40	...	...
Hume and Criderville.....	O. L. Stricker.....	15	3	18	...	2	8	25	4	4.80	2.88	1.60	2.40	1.60	2.40	...	...
Tuscarora and Dugan Hill.....	O. L. Spencer.....	17	...	17	1	1	6	10	3	6.90	4.14	1.00	2.46	2.30	3.45	5.00	...
Mansfield and Chicago.....	F. DeLong.....	14	...	14	...	1	3	10	3	3.00	3.00	...	85	...	3.15	...	...
Gallon and West Point.....	Supplied.....	24	2	26	...	1	8	40	4	6.80	3.78	2.10	3.15	2.10	3.15	...	...
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT																	
Summerfield, Tabor and East Union.....	J. W. Headley, District Elder	35	4	39	...	3	12	45	11	13.20	7.92	4.40	6.60	4.40	6.60	...	3.00
Sarahsville, Perrypolis, Olive, etc.....	F. C. Calkins.....	45	11	56	3	1	22	90	8	15.90	9.54	5.30	7.95	5.30	7.95	14.00	...
Newport and Halls Chapel.....	N. Van Kennel.....	21	3	24	2	2	10	40	11	5.40	3.24	1.80	2.70	1.80	2.70	...	...
Zanesville, Byesville, Pleasant City, etc.....	L. G. Lewis, A. E. Lewis, sup.....	80	4	84	1	1	32	150	14	21.00	12.60	7.00	10.50	7.00	10.50	52.61	52.61
ATHENS DISTRICT																	
M. Carmel, Strouds Run, New England.....	J. W. Headley, District Elder	25	2	27	...	2	14	88	7	7.80	4.50	1.50	3.75	2.50	3.75	...	...
Pomeroy and Plants.....	J. Swain, supply.....	87	1	88	2	4	23	110	3	20.70	12.42	4.00	9.00	5.27	10.35	...	...
Columbus and New Albany.....	C. F. Scott.....	26	1	27	1	1	8	35	6	7.20	4.32	1.20	3.60	1.08	3.60	...	...
Buena Vista, Laurel and Sanes Creek.....	E. D. Crane.....	11	18	29	1	2	4	20	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sundry circuits sent to A. E. Lewis.....	H. W. Sanderson.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Con. Treas. of the W. F. M. S.....	Con. Treas. of the W. F. M. S.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	Total.....	846	80	926	26	15	232	1336	188	\$236.10	\$121.72	\$68.80	\$96.25	\$54.87	\$117.20	\$84.06	\$925.00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE--CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CLEVELAND DISTRICT											
Cleveland.....			\$ 28 85		\$ 385 60	54 09	\$ 10 00	1	\$ 2500	1	\$ 1500
Rocky River.....			35 00		195 52	33 15	9 83	1	2000	1	1000
Ridgeville and Bennetts Corners ..			25 00		161 00	34 50	7 00	2	1500	1	100
Akron.....			11 40		255 00	62 68					
Griggs Corners and Steamburg.....			61 26		306 55	54 65		2	1500		
Youngstown.....			30 99		315 86	39 72		1	1300	1	1300
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....			18 00		140 00	36 07		2	2000		
Howard and Davis.....			18 61		232 71	37 86	3 00				
Cortland.....	\$ 4 00		12 00		298 80	60 03	1 25	1	1400	1	800
Mentor.....											
TOLEDO DISTRICT											
Toledo.....			46 45		462 97	57 17		1	2500	1	1500
Holland and Monclova.....			55 42		328 16	48 92	7 19	2	2800	1	800
Delta and Amboy.....			4 69		243 00	38 54		2	2000	1	500
Edgerton, Bethel, Brunnersburg.....			18 73		219 43	44 79	26 05	2	1250		
N. Baltimore, Bowling Green, etc.			58 76		296 25	64 61		2	2000		
Deshler and Findlay.....			32 00		130 61	36 06		1	2000		
Hume and Cridersville.....			11 75	\$0 50	144 59	40 65	2 40	2	1500		
Tremont City and Dugan Hill.....			8 11		200 60	35 25	10 00	1	800		
Mansfield and Chicago.....			5 00		319 75	32 15	10 00	2	1600	2	1600
Galion and West Point.....	\$4 00		15 97		254 97	38 44		2	1000	1	600
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT											
Summerfield, Tabor, East Union..		1 00	35 00		441 10	52 61	10 65	3	1800	1	450
Sarahsville, Perryopolis, Olive, etc.	7 50		40 00		300 00	40 90	6 50	4	2600	1	700
Newport and Halls Chapel.....			16 00	1 10	341 70	39 44		1	800		
Zanesville, Byesville, etc.....			80 00		617 00	53 44		3	3500	1	800
ATHENS DISTRICT											
Mt. Carmel, Strouds Run, etc.....			7 63		187 50	45 00		3	1800		
Pomeroy and Plants.....			47 39		313 13	73 85		4	2200	1	700
Columbus and New Albany.....			13 00		245 25	48 53	6 00	1	600		
Buena Vista, Laurel, Sanes Creek.....					100 00						
Tot'l.....	\$11 50	\$5 00	\$737 01	\$1 60	\$7437 05	\$1203 10	\$109 87	46	\$42950 15	\$12350	

Raised for Spring Arbor Seminary as per preachers' report \$158 50.

KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual Session, held at Arkansas City, Kansas.
August 20-24, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

I. N. WATSON, Secretary.

W. W. STEWART, Assistant Secretary.

G. I. WINANS, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, the district elders and pastor in charge.

On State of the Work—Fred Scott, S. F. Wilson, G. I. Winans, I. N. Watson, A. B. Wilson.

On Education—M. F. Childs, G. I. Winans, N. S. Surface, Charles Lowe.

On Reforms—J. T. Merry, S. R. Sayre, Walter Scott, Ira Putney.

On Publications—W. M. Adams, Abner Elam, William Sines.

On Sabbath-schools—J. W. Norris, F. A. Root, Mrs. Gloraine Williams.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. F. Childs, W. M. Adams, I. D. Pembleton, Otto Zimmerman.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Mark Whitney.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Ministerial Relation and Efficiency—S. R. Sayre, W. M. Adams, S. F. Wilson, N. S. Surface.

On Memoirs—S. F. Wilson, G. I. Winans, I. N. Watson.

On Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, S. F. Wilson, Fred Scott, Mark Whitney, N. S. Surface.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

Fred Scott, president; I. N. Watson, secretary; J. P. Heil, treasurer; M. F. Childs, Mark Whitney.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Fred Scott, for three years; I. N. Watson, for two years; M. F. Childs, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—M. F. Childs.

On Reforms—Fred Scott.

On Publications—W. M. Adams.

On Sunday-schools—J. W. Norris.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents'; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension and Foreign Missions.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. H. Lovejoy,

W. M. Adams,

Walter Scott,

Ollie Price Dexter,

S. R. Sayre,

A. Neil,

M. Campbell,

A. Ford,

E. A. Sayre,

S. V. Green,

I. N. Watson,

G. G. Pritchard,

W. E. Huff,

F. H. Church,

J. W. Norris,

J. W. Buckner,

J. L. Phillippi,

A. Siebert.

D. M. Poor,

M. L. Wilkinson,

S. F. Wilson,

M. F. Childs,

G. I. Winans,

Otto Zimmerman,

L. J. Brock,

E. W. Howard,

G. W. Saunders,

Fred Scott,

I. D. Pembleton,

Luke Scripser,

James Green,

G. M. Cameron,

J. G. Bignall,

F. A. Root.

DELEGATES

N. S. Surface,	J. J. Lundy,	E. R. Ford,	A. B. Wilson,
W. W. Stewart,	Mark Whitney,	Mrs. Sarah Sayre,	William Sines,
Abner Elam,	Charles Lowe,	George Grubb,	Mrs. G. Williams,
Mrs. M. E. Fear,	Miss Fannie Martin,	W. J. Ward,	Ira Putney,
E. T. Layne,	O. W. Mendenhall,	J. P. Heil,	Mrs. M. Musick,
J. H. Cline,	John Horrell,	Mrs. F. G. Sayres,	Mrs. Ida Shires,
M. M. Root,	G. W. Parkman,	P. J. Bentley,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, S. F. Wilson, Fred Scott, G. I. Winans, I. N. Watson, W. W. Stewart, Mark Whitney, N. S. Surface, William Sines.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. R. Ford.

4. Who remain on trial? G. R. Guy, J. B. Walrafen, William Buchanan, C. L. Fike, C. S. Marsolf, H. S. Dye, J. T. Merry, L. M. Tinker, W. S. Place, J. O. Eckel, T. J. Hafley.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. A. Sayre, A. Siebert.

6. Who are the deacons? G. M. Cameron, J. G. Bignall, A. Ford, J. L. Philippi, F. A. Root, *E. A. Sayre, *A. Siebert, *Job Holliday (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? L. J. Brocks, E. W. Howard.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. H. Lovejoy, S. V. Green, D. M. Poor, G. W. Saunders, G. G. Pritchard.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? T. J. Hafley, a preacher on trial in the Southern California conference, was received in the same relation as he held in said conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. H. Church.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and all passed except C. S. Marsolf.

15. Who have died this year? Martin Campbell, James Green, J. W. Buckner.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. J. W. Buckner, \$20; her three children, \$10 each; Martha Robbins and three children, \$50; G. G. Pritchard, \$90.

22. \$117.90.

23. The full amount of each claim was raised.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? On the Clay Center district, as near September 1, 1903, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-third session of the conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Arkansas City, Kansas. Superintendent B. R. Jones presided to the satisfaction of the conference. Five sittings were held. Rev. W. B. Rose, assistant publishing agent, was present and added life and interest to the meetings. A sufficient amount of money was raised Sunday morning to meet all deficiencies in the conference collections.

The W. F. M. S. raised nearly \$400 the past year. Notwithstanding the difficulties they have had to meet they are encouraged and are looking for victory in their work.

*Ordained this year.

Memorial services were held Sunday afternoon in memory of Martin Campbell, James Green and J. W. Buckner.

Whereas, "The Tidings of Joy" mission, located at Kansas City, has proved successful in the salvation of the lost, and in assisting the poor, and has had five years of steady progress worthy of our commendation, therefore.

Resolved, That we encourage the furtherance of the work, and give it our hearty endorsement and support.

APPOINTMENTS

CLAY CENTER DISTRICT—I. N. WATSON, District Elder, Eudora, Kansas,
R. F. D. No. 1.

Clay Center and Riverdale.....	J. L. Phillippi, Clay Center, Kansas
Oak Hill and Wide Range.....	L. M. Tinker, Oak Hill, "
Solomon and Cox school-house.....	J. G. Bignall, Solomon, "
Concord Center and Bennington.....	Mary E. Fear, supply, Lindsey, "
Minneapolis, Ada and Pawnee Gap.....	W. W. Stewart, supply, Lindsey, "
Chapel Hill, Gypsum and Dry Creek.....	J. W. Norris, McPherson, "
Junction City and Moonlight.....	Otto Zimmerman, Junction City, "
W. E. Huff, evangelist, Solomon, Kansas.	

BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT—I. N. Watson, District Elder.

Washington, Spring Valley and Hawkeye.....	W. M. Adams, Washington, Kansas
Alma and Manhattan.....	A. Neil, Alma, "
Barrett, Antioch and Walker school-house.....	F. A. Root, Barrett, "

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT—G. I. WINANS, District Elder, Girard, Kansas.

Girard and Yale.....	T. J. Hafley, Girard, Kansas
Scammon and Weir City.....	To be supplied
Montana, Altamont and Liberty.....	P. J. Bentley, supply, Montana, Kansas
Iola.....	J. T. Merry, Iola, "
Pittsburg.....	To be supplied
Bronson, Logan school-house and Walnut Hill.....	E. C. Lindley, supply, Bronson, Kansas
Lacygne and Star Valley.....	M. L. Wilkinson, Lacygne, "

L. J. Brock granted a certificate of location at his own request; Ollie Price Dexter and C. S. Marsolf, left without appointment; S. V. Green and G. G. Pritchard, superannuated.

EMPORIA DISTRICT—G. I. WINANS, District Elder.

Emporia.....	Walter Scott, 8 State Street, Emporia, Kansas
Union school-house and Americus.....	Luke Scripter, Reading, R. F. D No. 2, "
Neosho Rapids and Burlington.....	William Buchanan, Neosho Rapids, Kansas
Eureka, Utopia and Lapland.....	E. R. Ford, Eureka, "

J. O. Eckel, left without appointment; G. W. Saunders, superannuated.

WICHITA DISTRICT—M. F. CHILDS, District Elder, 1215 Forest Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Wichita Mission.....	G. R. Guy, 1045 North Mead Wichita, Kansas
Wichita Circuit.....	E. G. Cooper, supply
Arkansas City.....	Job Holiday, supply, 604 North 5th Street, Arkansas City, Kansas
Caldwell, Argonia and Doster.....	W. J. Ward, supply, Caldwell, "
Latham.....	H. D. Kelley, supply, Latham, "
Greenwich and Rose Hill.....	J. T. Bivins, supply, Aral, "
Winfield.....	I. D. Pembleton, Winfield, "

G. M. Cameron, left without appointment; D. M. Poor, superannuated.

MARION DISTRICT—M. F. CHILDS, District Elder.

Marion and Clark school-house.....	S. R. Sayre, Wansevu, Kansas
McPherson.....	H. S. Dye, McPherson, "
Marquette, Point Lookout and Fair View, Chas Lowe, supply, Galva, R. F. D. No. 1, ..	To be supplied
Walton and Cedar Creek.....	J. B. Walrafen, Matfield Green, Kansas

LAWRENCE DISTRICT—FRED SCOTT, District Elder.

Lawrence.....	Fannie Martin, supply, 1334 Penn Street, Lawrence, Kansas
Kansas City.....	C. L. Fike

Leavenworth Mission....O. M. Howard, supply, 415 South 5th street, Leavenworth, Kansas
 Topeka.....E. A. Sayre, 726 Lake street, Topeka, "
 Meriden.....C. W. Mendenhall, supply, Meriden, "
 Atchison.....To be supplied
 E. W. Howard, granted a certificate of location at his own request.

OTTAWA DISTRICT—FRED SCOTT, District Elder.

Harmony and Old Union.....A. Ford, 1004 Locust Street, Ottawa, Kansas
 Ottawa, Richland and Greeley.....S. F. Wilson, Ottawa, "
 Agricola and Glenwood.....W. S. Place, Agricola, "
 Lyon school-house, Michigan and Vassar.....A. Siebert, Vassar, "
 Scranton and Osage City.....To be supplied
 C. H. Lovejoy, superannuated; Ira Putney, conference evangelist, Milan, Kansas.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. MARTIN CAMPBELL was born in Vermont, April 11, 1837, and died at Salina, Kansas, March 31, 1902. When a young man, while attending school, he was clearly converted. Soon after he sought and obtained the blessing of holiness under the labors of Rev. C. E. Harroun, Sr. and Frank Shepardson. He was among the first in Illinois to unite with the Free Methodist church. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Mitchell, March 26, 1861, at Elgin, Illinois. Nine children were born to them, eight of whom still live.

Brother Campbell and family settled in Marshall county, Kansas, in 1879. He was a kind neighbor, a faithful and affectionate husband and father, a true Christian and a good preacher. He was received into the Kansas conference in 1899 and was sent to the following circuits: Alma, Topeka and Iola. We miss him in the church and in our homes, but we remember his smiling face and shouts of "Amen!" "Glory to God!" "Hallelujah!"

REV. JAMES GREEN departed this life at the home of his parents near Wolseley, Assiniboia, Canada, June 23, 1902. He was born and lived in England until 1883, when he came to Canada. He came to Kansas in 1887 and went to England the following year, and while there was converted. He returned to Kansas and united with the Free Methodist church. He joined the Kansas conference on trial in 1895, and two years later was received in full connection and ordained deacon. His convictions of righteousness were deep and clear and as a Christian and minister he was fearless to declare them. He was a thorough student. Although deprived of the privilege of going to public schools more than four months, yet by close application to study he gained the appellation of an "educated man." He was very conscientious. With him, holiness meant to have a good, pure and tender conscience. We think he did what he did as a preacher "Not for wrath but for conscience' sake." He was especially conscientious on the line of evil speaking. May his mantle in this respect fall on others!

REV. JOHN WESLEY BUCKNER was born in Indiana, October 13, 1850, and died in Girard, Kansas, May 1, 1902. When 19 years of age he was converted. A few years later he united with the Free Methodist church and became one of her preachers. He joined the Kansas conference by transfer from the Missouri conference in 1901. Soon after conference he was afflicted with "Sarcoma" (cancer), and for eight months he suffered intensely, yet through all the pain he "triumphed by grace" and had the victory in death, saying, "I am striking the river at the fording."

He was married to Miss Mary E. Buckingham August 15, 1876, at Atlantic, Iowa. Eight children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy.

II.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We deem the Sabbath-school work to be of such importance that we feel the whole membership of the church should be not only deeply interested, but actively engaged in the same. The end being the diffusion of scriptural knowledge in order that sinners may be converted, believers sanctified and the saints built up in divine truth.

There has been commendable progress made on some of the districts in the Sabbath-school association and Home Department work. The latter, which has but recently been introduced by W. B. Olmstead, should have our hearty endorsement, and we urge upon the pastors and district elders the necessity of doing all in their power to establish this branch of work among us.

In order that there may be more uniformity and greater efficiency in the normal training and Bible lesson work, we recommend the appointment of a conference board which shall have power to adopt a uniform course of study, supervise examinations, and grant

diplomas to those completing the course. We also believe our Sabbath-school literature to be such as should command our support. Much of the Sabbath-school literature flooding the country is calculated more to please the worldly minded than to be the exponent of such truths as tend to develop moral character.

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CLAY CENTER DISTRICT											
Clay Center			\$ 12 00	\$0 80	\$ 199 46	\$ 35 00		1	\$ 900	1	\$ 350
Oak Hill, Green Ridge, etc			19 72		277 00	37 90	\$ 25 46	1		1	500
Solomon and Cox school-house			12 00		250 00	46 68		1	300	1	300
Minneapolis and Ada			1 72		126 80	24 00	5 00	1	650		
Concord Center and Bennington	\$ 1 39	\$ 1 00	16 34	50	275 00	47 81		1	800		
Chapel Hill, Gypsum, Dry Creek					144 50	35 18				1	350
Junction City			10 52	30	83 00	22 60	10 00	1	550	1	550
BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT											
Washington, Spring Valley, etc ..	1 00	1 00	7 55		257 80	26 76	4 00	1	800	1	400
Alma and Manhattan			10 00		312 00	29 34				1	700
Barrett, Antioch, Irish Creek, etc ..			16 00		370 50	42 85	29 00			1	350
FORT SCOTT DISTRICT											
Girard and Yale			7 74	20	260 00	15 65	21 50	1	350		
Scammon, Pittsburg, Weir City ..						13 10		1	250		
Montana, Altamont and Liberty ..			10 00		150 00	50 00				1	400
Iola		92	18 92		256 61	85 70	30 27			1	1000
Bronson, Mapleton, Walnut Hill ..			3 50		135 00	22 00				1	800
Lacygne						10 32					
EMPORIA DISTRICT											
Emporia	1 25	1 50	67 09	50	335 00	55 54	11 00	1	1000	1	500
Badger Creek					118 58	32 00	9 84			1	500
Neosho Rapids						13 88	3 00	1	800	1	200
Eureka and Utopia			8 00		140 95	25 00	11 50				
Burlington and Ottumwa					9 77	11 25					
WICHITA DISTRICT											
Wichita Mission			24 62		119 48	33 75	38 12	1	1800	1	900
Wichita Circuit											
Arkansas City		1 28	25 87		273 00	39 35	15 00	1	800	1	300
Caldwell and Argonia			10 00	50	158 27	21 10		1	400	1	500
Grenola and Latham		28			45 50	7 44					
Greenwich and Rose Hill					116 41	20 00	7 40				
MARION DISTRICT											
Marion and Clark school-house ..			18 83		255 00	44 00	11 60	1	1000	1	500
Newton, Walton, Cedar Creek ..			4 23		25 00	9 05	7 60				
Matfield Green and Wauseon					170 00	32 00				1	400
McC. Pherson, Galva and Marquette ..		05	24 25	90	150 00	30 82	5 00	1	250	1	400
LAWRENCE DISTRICT											
Lawrence			18 00		123 75	16 31	1 38	1	800		
Kansas City Mission	10	50	15 00	80 00	249 37	35 00	11 00				
Leavenworth Mission			8 00		270 10	12 75		1			
Topeka			19 50		285 00	33 63	8 40	1	1300	1	300
Meridan					12 00						
OTTAWA DISTRICT											
Ottawa, Richmond and Greeley ..	1 20		20 00		250 61	43 13	21 25	1	350	1	200
Agricultural and Glenwood			16 00		255 00	53 00	3 00	1	500	1	400
Vassar, Quenemo, Adams S. H.					94 33	32 12	10 00				
Lyon S. H., Fairview, etc					117 00	28 00					
Harmony and Old Union	2 07		22 77		236 00	52 52		1	1000	1	400
Osage and Scranton					7 20	8 92	3 00				
Total	\$4 02	\$9 47	\$448 21	\$33 70	\$6924 99	\$1286 45	\$303 22	20	\$14400	24	\$10700

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CLAY CENTER, BLUE VALLEY, FORT SCOTT AND EMPORIA DISTRICTS

KANSAS CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions Societies
CLAY CENTER DISTRICT	I. N. Watson, District Elder																
	J. L. Philippi	23	2	25	1	1	4	25	6	\$ 6.60	\$ 3.96	\$ 2.20	\$ 3.30	\$ 2.20	\$ 3.30	\$ 4.47	\$ 31.00
	Otto Zimmerman	23	1	30	2	2	10	40	6	9.00	5.40	3.00	4.50	3.00	4.50		
	W. E. Huff	26	1	35	1	1	7	25	8	9.90	6.68	3.10	4.65	3.10	4.65		
	J. W. Norris	20	2	22	1	1	3	10	6	6.60	3.96	2.20	3.30	2.20	3.30		
	M. F. Childs	36	6	42	1	1	8	40	11	10.80	6.48	15.00	5.40	3.60	5.40	2.36	37.67
BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT	C. L. Pike	17	1	18	2	1	2	25	2	3.45	1.25	1.50	2.25	1.50	2.25		
	L. M. Finker	16	2	18	1	1	6	25	4	4.50	2.70	1.50	2.25	1.50	2.25		
	I. N. Watson, District Elder																
	W. M. Adams	16	1	17	1	1	1	25	5	5.70	3.42	1.90	2.85	1.90	2.85	2.00	1.00
FORT SCOTT DISTRICT	A. Neil	34	1	34	2	1	16	37	5	10.20	6.12	3.40	5.10	3.40	5.10	8.50	
	F. A. Root	41	3	44	2	3	15	80	6	12.00	7.20	4.25	6.00	4.00	6.00	2.75	
	G. I. Winans, District Elder																
	J. W. Buckner	15	5	20	1	1	6	30	3	1.90	45	50	95	45	30		
EMPORIA DISTRICT	C. S. Marsolf	24	1	25	2	1	7	41	4	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.75		
	J. T. Merry	26	1	27	1	1	7	35	8	6.00	3.60	2.00	3.00	2.00	3.00		
	P. J. Bentley	8	1	9	1	1	6	35	4	2.40	1.44	80	1.20	80	1.20		
	Lacygne	6	1	6	1	1	1	25	3	3.64	1.14						
	Fred Scott, District Elder																
	Walter Scott	62	17	79	8	1	12	85	12	18.90	11.34	6.30	9.45	6.30	9.45	6.00	21.25
EMPORIA DISTRICT	G. G. Pritchard	22	2	22	1	1	5	30	8	6.60	4.46		1.00	3.30	3.30		
	Neoh Rapids	11	1	11	1	1	1	25	2	3.90	1.90		1.24	50	50		
	Eureka and Utopia	23	2	25	1	1	5	25	2	2.40	1.20	80	1.40	30	1.20		6.00
	J. O. Shires	23	2	25	1	1	5	25	2	2.40	1.20	80	1.40	30	1.20		
	Furlington and Ottumwa	6	1	6	1	1	1	25	2	2.10	1.44	80	1.20	27	1.05		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

WICHITA, MARION, LAWRENCE AND OTTAWA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Kre- Methodist" taken	Conference Claim- ants' Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim	Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mis- sionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci- eties
WICHITA DISTRICT																		
Wichita Mission	Fred Scott, District Elder	13		13	2	1	1	3	30	4	\$ 5 10	\$ 3 00		\$ 2 55	\$ 1 50	\$ 2 55		
Wichita Circuit	Mrs. L. L. Church																	
Arkansas City	F. H. Church	36		36	3	3	2	18	48	5	1 61	58		3 90	35	3 88		\$ 20 00
Caldwell and Argonia	James Green	13		13	6	19	1	1		4	1 80	1 08		3 90	60	3 80		
Grenola and Latham	W. J. Evans	14		14	14						4 20	2 62		2 10	1 40	2 10		
Greenwich and Rose Hill	W. J. Ward	13		13	13					4	3 80	2 34		1 95	1 30	1 95		\$15 00
	J. G. Bignall																	
MARION DISTRICT																		
Marion and Clark school-house	Fred Scott, District Elder	21		21	21		1	8	20	5	6 30	3 78		3 15	2	3 15		
Newton, Walton and Cedar Creek	I. D. Pemberton	13		13	13		1	3	13	1	5 40	3 24		2 70	1 80	2 70		
Matfield Green and Wanda	S. R. Sayre	17		17	19	1				4	3 90	1 95		1 95	1 30	1 95		
Mc. Pherson, Galva and Marquette	Lake Scripser	17		17	2	19	2	13	53	6	5 10	3 55		2 55	1 90	2 55	6 73	
	H. S. Dye																	
LAWRENCE DISTRICT																		
Lawrence	S. F. Wilson, District Elder	13		13	13	1	1	6	20	2	3 00	1 98		1 65	1 10	1 65		
Kansas City, Mission	Rennie T. Martin	16		16	4	20	2	1	9	64	3 90	50		1 95	1 30	50		1 50
Leavenworth Mission	E. W. Howard	8		8	2	10	2	1	4	21	7 11	4 50		3 75	2 50	1 05	1 80	2 76
Topeka	O. M. Howard	27		27	2	29	1	1	35	4	2 10	1 00						9 30
Meridian	E. A. Sayre	5		5	5					2								
	D. B. Williams																	
OTTAWA DISTRICT																		
Ottawa, Richmond and Greeley	S. F. Wilson, District Elder	32		32	4	36		2	12	40	10 15	5 22		4 35	2 90	4 35		7 01
Agricola and Glenwood	A. Siebert	28		28	1	29		1	6	25	9 00	5 40		4 50	3 00	4 50		
Vassar, Quenemo and Adams S. H.	W. S. Place	12		12	12					8	3 30	1 88		1 65	1 10	1 65		
Lyon S. H., Fairview, Michigan Val-	I. B. Walrafen	9		9	9					4	2 70	1 62		1 35	3 80	1 35	1 50	
Harmony and Old Union	A. Ford	38		38	5	43	1	2	10	100	11 40	6 84		5 10	3 80	5 10		9 62
Osage and S ran on	G. R. Guy									1	1 32	18		15	10	15		
	William Buchanan																	
Total		823	76	899	87	15	34	212	1022	196	\$218 98	\$126 48	\$74 85	\$105 99	\$66 82	\$99 93	\$52 61	\$172 51

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Green City, Missouri,
September 3-7, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

L. B. REBER, Secretary.

E. HOLTWICK, Assistant Secretary.

SHIRLEY SMUTZ, Statistical Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, L. B. Reber.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Receive Money for Missions—W. S. Stephens.

To Receive Church Extension Fund—D. O. Wooderson.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—M. C. Paul.

On Sunday-schools—William Kenyon.

On Publications—D. O. Wooderson, W. S. Stephens.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. Smutz, E. Holtwick.

To Raise Money for Publishing the Minutes—C. Smutz.

On Education—E. Holtwick, C. Smutz.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—W. H. Austin.

On Memoirs—S. Smutz, C. Smutz.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

L. R. Reber, Shirley Smutz, W. H. Austin.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, (fifteen cents), Church Extension, (ten cents);
second quarter, General Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents';
fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

L. B. Reber,
William Vimont,
A. Stokesberry,
C. M. Rumsey,

W. H. Austin,
R. Medlock,
C. Smutz,
H. H. Sperry,

Shirley Smutz,
A. D. Sprouse,
Leslie True,
T. B. Webb.

M. C. Paul,
O. G. Cox,
E. G. Cooper,

DELEGATES

W. S. Stephens,
W. R. Hull,
Mary Zollers.

D. O. Wooderson,
G. Rumph,

E. Holtwick,
Archie Fretz,

William Kenyon,
Anna Summers,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, L. B. Reber, W. S. Stephens.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? F. N. Ahern.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. Smutz, A. Stokesberry.

6. Who are the deacons? H. H. Sperry, C. M. Rumsey, A. D. Sprouse, William Vimont, R. Medlock, C. Smutz, A. Stokesberry, T. B. Webb.

7. Who have been ordained elders? S. Smutz.

8. Who have located this year? J. R. Bales.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. G. Cox, C. M. Rumsey.

10. None.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Leslie True, from the West Iowa conference.
12. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with view to transfer? H. H. Sperry, E. G. Cooper, N. C. Swigart.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? J. H. Guffey.
- 16-23. See statistical report.
24. See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Harris, Missouri, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1903, as may suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held in connection with a camp-meeting. Many were saved and sanctified. A spirit of harmony prevailed. The preachers reported an increase in members. On Sunday morning C. Smutz and A. Stokesberry were ordained deacons, and in the afternoon Shirley Smutz was ordained elder.

L. B. Reber and W. S. Stephens were elected delegates to the general conference; reserves—W. H. Austin and E. Holtwick.

APPOINTMENTS

BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT—L. B. REBER, District Elder, Palmyra, Misouri.

Burlington Junction, High Prairie, Mt. Zion, Mound City and Craig W. H. Austin, William Kenyon, supply
C. G. Cox, supernumerary; T. B. Webb, left without appointment; A. D. Sprouse, left without appointment to attend school; J. R. Bales, granted a certificate of location at his own request, Elmo, Mo.

BETHANY DISTRICT—L. B. REBER, District Elder.

Bethany, Sharon Chapel and Mt. Moriah M. C. Paul, Mt. Moriah, Missouri
Albany William Vimont, Albany, "
Mercer, Scott Hill and Mt. Vernon
R. Medlock, Mercer, Missouri; S. M. Alexander, supply, West Liberty, Missouri
Osgood, Clear View and Harris F. N. Ahern, Osgood, "
Chillicothe Myrtle Stephens, supply, Chillicothe, "
Higginsville, Honey Ford and Pleasant Hill
James Alexander, supply, Higginsville, Missouri, R. D. 1
E. G. Cooper, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer; C. M. Rumsey, supernumerary.

GREEN CITY DISTRICT—L. B. REBER, District Elder.

Green City, Mt. Olive, Kiddville and Pollock C. Smutz, Milan, Missouri
College Mound To be supplied
Baring, Centre Chapel and Acasto L. True, Olive M. True, supply
Marcelline, Linneus and Browning T. B. France, supply, Chillicothe, Missouri
N. C. Swigart, transferred to the West Kansas conference; H. H. Sperry, granted certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—L. B. REBER, District Elder.

Hannibal, Ashburn and Vernon S. H. Shirley Smutz, Ashburn, Missouri
 Winfield, Wilson Chapel and Gibson S. H. P. A. Rudolph, supply, Chantilly, "
 Rhineland, Riverview and Bluffton A. Stokesberry, Rhineland, "
 St. Louis To be supplied

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT						\$ 70 88					
Mt. Zion and High Prairie					\$171 41	52 45		2	1600	2	700
Mound City					110 35	21 61	\$ 6 00	1	500		
BETHANY DISTRICT						139 02					
Bethany and Sharon Chapel			\$ 12 00			36 60	6 00	1	700	1	200
Albany					125 00	11 11		1	1800	1	700
Mercer and Scott Hill			11 05		180 54	29 40	3 50	1	700		
Osgood and Harris			7 00		149 08	36 87		1	800	1	250
Chillicothe				\$0 70	103 60	12 07		1	1000	1	465
Higginsville			10 00			8 63	40 00				
GREEN CITY DISTRICT						66 20					
Green City and Mt. Olive			5 62		160 50	29 26	15 00				
College Mound and Ardmore					100 00	22 55	9 00				
Pollock, Mt. Vernon school house						10 50					
Acasto and Centre Chapel											
HANN BAL DISTRICT						92 95					
Ashburn and Hannibal	\$2 00	\$2 00	44 90		391 82	41 64	3 00	2	1500	2	1000
Wright City and Wilson Chapel ..			12 00		166 27	14 80		1	400	1	100
Rhineland and Riverview					154 09	34 28	3 50	1	500	1	200
Total	\$2 00	\$2 00	\$102 57	\$0 70	\$1782 66	\$369 05	\$36 00	12	\$9500	10	\$3615

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

BURLINGTON JUNCTION, BETHANY, GREEN CITY AND HANNIBAL DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Societies
BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT	L. B. Reber, District Elder	18	14	32	1	1	10	50	4	\$ 6 80	\$ 3 78		\$ 3 15	\$ 2 10	\$ 3 15	\$ 1 50	
Mt. Zion and High Prairie. Mound City	A. D. Sprouse William Vimont	14		14	3				3	4 20	81				2 10		
BETHANY DISTRICT	L. B. Reber, District Elder	16	12	28	1	1	10	50	4	5 70	3 42		80		2 85		
Bethany and Sharon Chapel	D. O. Wooderson, supply	12		12					3	2 00	1 00				1 65		
Albany	Ollie Dexter, supply	23		23	1	1	7	30	2	7 50	4 50		2 00	1 00	2 66		
Merced and Scott Hill	W. H. Austin	22		22	2	1	6	30	4	6 00	3 60		3 00	2 00	3 00		
Osgood and Harris	C. Smutz	10		10	1	1	5	35	2	5 20					2 10		
Chillicothe	G. N. Ahern	8		8		1	6	40	1								
Higginsville	F. O. Dexter																
GREEN CITY DISTRICT	L. B. Reber, District Elder	24	9	33	27	1	6	20	7	6 30	3 76		3 15	2 10	3 15		\$7 50
Green City and Mt. Olive	R. Medlock	4		4													
College Mound and Ardmore	L. B. Reber	14		14	4												
Pollock and Mt. Vernon school-house	M. C. Paul	14		14	3	1	5	20	6	4 50	1 00						
Acasto and Centre Chapel	L. B. Reber	9		9					2	1 84					1 90		
HANNIBAL DISTRICT	L. B. Reber, District Elder	37	4	41	1	4	2	10	19	10 80	6 48		5 40	3 60	5 40		
Ashburn and Hannibal	Virley Smutz	15	6	21	1	1	4	15	5	1 75	2 70				1 75		
Wright City and Wilson Chapel	P. A. Rudolph, supply	16	21	37	1	2	12	50	6	15 20	2 88	\$10 00	2 40	1 60	2 40	7 50	
Rhineland and River View	A. Stokesberry																
Total		242	41	283	14	6	71	360	70	\$77 27	\$33 93	\$10 00	\$19 90	\$12 14	\$32 06	\$9 00	\$7 50

IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-ninth Annual Session, held at Knoxville, Iowa,
September 10-13, 1902

OFFICERS

E. P. HART, President.

G. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

J. P. DOUD, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, E. E. Hall, C. W. Carnes, W. W. Vinson.

On Publications—E. E. Dalby, J. G. Wilson, M. Besh.

On Reforms—W. W. Vinson, W. C. Houts, J. K. Cathcart.

On the State of the Work—E. E. Hall, C. W. Carnes, Charles Kirkland.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. W. E. Ambrose, J. Moran,
Joseph Upton.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Sunday-schools—J. P. Doud, J. K. Barnes, L. Mendenhall.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. Stewart.

On Education—E. J. Fish, Adena Burg, Mary Daum.

On Claims and Claimants—E. E. Hall, C. W. Carnes, J. G. Wilson, C. Kirk-
land.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. A. Anderson, for five years; J. P. Doud, for four years; C. W. Carnes, for three
years; J. Moran, for two years; E. E. Hall, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. E. Hall, president; C. W. Carnes, treasurer; J. M. Upton, secretary; W. A.
Whitlock, M. Besh.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Home Missions and Church Ex-
tension; third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; fourth quarter, Con-
ference Claimants' Fund. The conference recommends that an amount equal
to fifteen cents per member be raised for Home Missions this year, and that
one hundred dollars be given to the work at Des Moines, Iowa.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this
conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Houts,
J. S. Booton,
W. E. De Harppart,
E. J. Fish,
W. W. Bates,
W. E. Boger,
John Moran.

Henry Stewart,
W. W. Vinson,
J. W. E. Ambrose,
W. C. Thompson,
L. W. Rubardt,
J. P. Doud,

J. M. Lute,
W. A. Whitlock,
T. M. Fenwick,
E. E. Dalby,
E. E. Hall,
J. Q. Murray,

J. W. White,
W. J. Trimble,
J. C. Long,
L. Mendenhall,
C. W. Carnes,
G. A. Anderson,

DELEGATES

Mary Daum,
Prudence Wright,
J. K. Barnes,
Hiram Stunkard,
Fletcher Norris,
James Fenwick.

O. P. Miller,
L. A. Nicklin,
J. K. Cathcart,
M. Besh,
William Callentine,

Adena Burg,
T. J. Fuller,
S. Freeman,
Joseph Upton,
J. G. Wilson,

C. Kirkland,
F. H. Parker,
Joseph Raab,
Ira Shinkle,
Mrs. H. E. Rineheart,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, C. W. Carnes, E. E. Hall, J. G. Wilson, C. Kirkland.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. A. Dalrymple, in second years' course of study.
4. Who remain on trial? G. G. Booton, E. A. Clark.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? W. J. Trimble, T. M. Fenwick, E. E. Dalby.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. W. E. Ambrose, E. J. Fish.
8. Who have located this year? A. L. Mossman, I. H. Gorrell.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? L. W. Rubardt.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. C. Long, W. C. Thompson, L. Mendenhall.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. W. Bates, from the Wisconsin conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical reports.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$200.
- 22, 23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as near the second Wednesday in September, 1903, as the general superintendents can arrange.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-ninth session of the Iowa annual conference was held at Knoxville, Iowa, September 10-13, General Superintendent E. P. Hart presiding. Four sittings were held, all of which were characterized by a spirit of brotherly love.

C. W. Carnes and E. E. Hall were elected traveling district elders. E. E. Hall was on the fifth ballot elected ministerial delegate to general conference and C. W. Carnes was elected on the ninth ballot; C. Kirkland and J. G. Wilson, reserves.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a meeting Friday afternoon, conducted by Sister Hart. Quite an amount of money was secured for the missionary cause.

A committee consisting of the district elders, the pastor at Des Moines and M. Besh was appointed to raise funds for the purpose of building a church at Des Moines, Iowa. Several hundred dollars have been previously secured on subscription. R. W. Meeker and D. C. Eddy of the West Iowa conference and H. A. Dalrymple of the South Dakota M. E. conference were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats. The following churches of the city asked the committee on public worship to fill their pulpits on Sunday: J. P. Doud at the Baptist church, in the morning; J. W. E. Ambrose, in the evening; G. A. Anderson at the M. E. church in the morning.

On Sabbath morning following the preaching service, Joseph Raab and Francis M. Roberts were ordained local deacons; preceding the afternoon services J. W. E. Ambrose and E. J. Fish were ordained elders.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT—C. W. CARNES, District Elder.

Fairfield and Hickory Ridge.....G. A. Anderson, Fairfield, Iowa
 Birmingham and Oak Grove.....H. Dalrymple, Birmingham, "
 Coal Port and Mt. Zion.....W. C. Houts, P. O. Lockridge, "
 Ottumwa.....To be supplied
 Eldon, White Elm and Bethel.....W. A. Whitlock, P. O. Foster, Iowa

J. M. Lute, left without appointment; L. Mendenhall, superannuated; I. H. Gorrell, given certificate of location at his own request.

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT—C. W. CARNES, District Elder.

Centerville and Cincinnati.....Cordelia Maring, supply, Centerville, Iowa
 Brompton.....E. A. Clark, Foster, "
 Wayne County mission.....Charles Lescott, supply

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—C. W. CARNES, District Elder.

Knoxville and Pleasant Ridge chapel.....W. W. Vinson, Knoxville, Iowa
 Oskaloosa.....To be supplied
 Rose Hill, Delta, Sigourney and What Cheer.....W. J. Trimble, Rose Hill, Iowa
 Ackworth and Summerset.....J. H. Grovier, Phebe Grovier, supply
 Barnes City and Riggs.....H. S. Stewart, Barnes City, Iowa
 Newton and Wilson.....J. P. Doud, Newton "
 Des Moines.....J. Q. Murray

W. E. Boger, left without appointment; W. E. De Harppart, evangelist, Ackworth, Iowa; J. C. Long, superannuated.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—E. E. HALL, District Elder.

Burlington (South Hill).....W. W. Bates, 914 South Tenth street, Burlington, Iowa
 Burlington (North Hill).....W. E. Stewart, supply, 818 Arch street, Burlington, "
 Morning Sun.....J. W. E. Ambrose

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT—E. E. HALL, District Elder.

Cedar Rapids and Marion.....John Moran, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Toddville and No. 1.....G. G. Booton
 Maquoketa, Iron Hills, Crabtown and Monmouth.....J. S. Booton, Iron Hills, Iowa
 Walker and Cedar Ridge.....T. M. Fenwick, Walker, "

EVANGELISTS

W. E. De Harppart,	Howard Durfee,	J. H. Grovier,	Phebe Grovier,
J. G. Wilson,	Belle Vinson,	Etta Murray,	Cordelia Maring.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$234.90.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.—Assessed and paid, \$140.94.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$117.45.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.—Assessed and paid, \$117.45.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$72.65.

The following appropriations were made from the Conference Mission Fund:

E. E. Dalby, \$20; E. J. Fish, \$10; W. C. Houts, \$10; E. A. Clark, \$10; J. H. Grovier, \$10; J. W. E. Ambrose, \$10; G. G. Booton, \$2.65. Total, \$72.65.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—Claim, \$78.30.

Paid, \$67.95. Deficit, \$10.35.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—\$84.75.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—\$3.35.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—\$19.66.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We, your committee on the state of the work, would submit the following report:

We regret that there has not been more accomplished during the year, yet we feel that we have great reasons to thank God for the blessings we have received from his hand. We note with pleasure the spirit of love and harmony that prevails among us as a church, and the determination on the part of our people generally to stand by the old landmarks and be true to God.

We call attention to some dangers that threaten our Zion. We are living in perilous times, though as a nation we have been having an unusual era of prosperity and the masses are striving to secure the things of the world. Godliness and eternal things are being forgotten. Spiritual dearth is evidenced in the lack of interest in the Lord's work and the small attendance upon the preaching of God's word. If we are to prosper as a church we must put forth a greater effort to reach the people. The greater the danger the more urgent the need of haste. We would urge upon our preachers the need of a greater baptism of the Holy Ghost. Nothing can fill a man like this; nothing will enable him to reach men like an anointing from God. When the spirit of the Lord came upon Ezekiel and the hand of the Lord was upon him, even the dry bones moved and lived again. We need the Holy Ghost to-day. No substitute can take his place. That he may come in greater measure we urge upon our preachers the necessity of a deeper consecration to God and his work.

If ever there was a time when our preachers needed to be engaged in this one work of saving souls it is now. Let no allurements of the world draw them from this. Many a preacher has been hindered in his work by turning aside to secular pursuits, often to his own hurt as well as those to whom he has been called to minister. Many have become involved in debt and sometimes hindered for life in trying to extricate themselves. We can not say anything better upon this point than the words of an anonymous writer:

"Debt is a fetter. It cuts hard into the neck. It binds you when you lie down to sleep. It rises with you in the morning. It clings to you through the day. Therefore keep out of debt." "Running in debt," says an old proverb, "is the first sin. Lying is the second sin, for running in debt leads to lying. Therefore as you love serenity of mind and as you love happiness keep out of debt."

In order that our preachers may be able to give themselves more fully to the work of the ministry we would urge upon the laity the necessity of a more thorough consecration of their means for the advancement of God's work. This is no time for laying up treasure upon earth. Surely the blood of souls will cry out against us in the judgment if we add house to house and farm to farm and increase our bank account, while souls are perishing for the bread of life. We are but stewards of these things. Soon we shall be called to give account of our stewardship, and how shall we appear before God if by withholding the means he has placed in our hands, our preachers have been driven from the work and the great work of soul saving has been hindered? Shall we not this next conference year, both preachers and laymen, give ourselves more fully to the great responsibilities that are resting upon us, and with renewed consecration and faith go forth trusting in God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

III.—ON REFORMS.

To spread scriptural holiness and maintain a Bible standard of Christianity is doubtless the great mission of the Free Methodist church, and reforms must, therefore, of necessity occupy a secondary place. They are not, however, unimportant because of this, and it is a serious question if we as a people in view of the uniform intensity and thoroughness of our work, exert the influence we should in the great movement of world reform. Concerning Sabbath desecration, the social evil, Romanism and tobacco we repeat and emphasize the strongest resolutions condemning them, passed at other sessions of our conference.

ON DRESS.—Our position regarding plainness of attire which we have held from the beginning of our history is reasonable, scriptural and Methodistical. The prevailing worldliness among professors of Christianity everywhere emphasizes the importance of removing not the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set. Let our ministers preach explicitly on this subject and mildly yet firmly enforce the provisions of our Discipline.

ON PROHIBITION.—The saloon, once an outlaw in Iowa, is again a legalized institution among us. Its deadly work is being accomplished as it reaches out for its victims. We endeavor to let it alone, but though we move in a different sphere, breathe an atmosphere foreign to it, and ever maintain towards it a deadly hatred, yet it will not leave us alone. It will not scruple to thwart ambition, blight the hopes and ruin the lives of young men and maidens, from your home or mine, and leave them ruined and wicked by the wayside. And yet partisans temporize before this monster, bid for its favor, and receiving its votes float into office, while Christian men (be it spoken to their shame) apparently vie with each other in swelling their majority. Be it therefore resolved that it is the sense of this conference that by voice and vote we should support the only political party which stands committed against this giant evil, viz., the Prohibition party.

ON SECRET SOCIETIES.—Secret societies are becoming alarmingly prevalent. Labor

unions are being constantly formed which band men together in secrecy of almost every trade or profession and many kinds of common labor. So formidable have these organizations become that in many instances persons are compelled to join the unions or change their occupation. We note that an earnest effort was made by our executive committee to secure concessions on the part of union leaders to our people, eliminating the element of secrecy as far as they were concerned, but entirely without success. These organizations are therefore held to be orders and in common with Masonry and other orders are barred from membership in the Free Methodist church. We note with regret that a few of our members have joined the union. Be it therefore

Resolved, First: That these brethren have our sympathy. We believe their hearts are with us in the work; but a serious problem confronts them, and we recognize the difficulties under which they labor.

Second: We urge our people everywhere to render all possible aid to such persons in securing remunerative employment.

Third: While we recognize the gravity of the question under consideration it is our judgment that all of our preachers should in wisdom and love, mildly but firmly enforce our general rules. As a people we must not reverse our position on this question.

To lower the standard at this point is to cast a gloom of discouragement over our Zion, quench the spirit of aggressiveness, and ere long Ichabod will be written on our banners instead of "Holiness unto the Lord."

ON FINANCE.—We should not underestimate the efforts made by our official boards in securing support for our pastors. But we are loath to see the neglect of duty of our class leaders and stewards in this line. We as a church are making higher demands of our preachers from the stand point of intellectuality than ever before. The increased need of the pastor and his family, the extra efforts in preparation, the extra time and means spent for this purpose necessitate an increase of salary, which must of necessity be attended to if those men whose hearts and lives are consecrated to this grand and noble work of preaching the full gospel to the perishing world are able to devote their entire time and energy to this work so near and dear to us all.

Resolved, First: That it is the sense of this conference that our pastors' support is the most neglected of any department of our church finance, and a reform should be instituted at this point.

Second: We urge our district elders to make special efforts with the cooperation of the class-leaders and stewards in this respect, and endeavor to secure an increase in the pastor's allowance. Official boards are urged to endeavor to raise not what may appear at once can be raised readily, but to place the standard at an amount which in their judgment will meet the needs of the case and then cooperate in an earnest effort to raise the amount, that our pastors may devote their entire time to the work of God.

IN.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We your committee submit the following report:

We look upon the public press as one of the greatest agencies in the land for good or evil; and inasmuch as this age excels every other in flooding the country with corrupt literature; we should be earnestly inquiring, What shall I read, and what shall I provide for my children to read?

We believe it is our duty to speak with no uncertain sound our position on all lines of reform. The training of the young in the way of life and righteousness is the only hope of the church; yes, the only hope of our country. There can be no doubt as to the great need of a reform among us in training the children in the faith of our holy religion; and to do this we know of no better way than to provide them with a careful selection of the best literature the church affords.

Our Sunday-school literature, edited by Rev. W. B. Olmstead, is the best, most comprehensive and pure we have had; and at no time in the past has its circulation been so great and extended as at the present time. We are highly gratified with the ability with which our church paper is being edited; but would be better pleased if it were more pronounced and definite in the interest of prohibition, and as a conference disapprove of any political or secular matter entering the columns of our church paper. We earnestly pray that it may be kept pure, and an exponent of our holy religion as set forth in God's word and our book of Discipline. Therefore, we would strongly urge our people first of all to take our church paper, and by so doing keep in touch with the church and our work in general. We believe it is a safeguard against fanaticism, wild-fire, and false and hurtful doctrines.

And second, To cease reading the following so-called holiness papers: *The Vanguard, Fire Brand, Leaves of Healing, Sent of God*, and similar papers which do not set forth the pure doctrine of holiness. Therefore, we would urge our ministers to announce in every congregation the worth and purity of our church paper and lose no opportunity in taking subscriptions for the same.

We are highly pleased with the zeal and ability of our missionary secretary, and the good that is being done by the periodicals published in the interest of home and foreign

missions. We are made sad to see so many of our brethren oppose the work in foreign fields, and especially does it seem more awful for the ministers, yea, pastors, to speak in public against missionary work in foreign lands. Is it not true that our faith in achieving prosperity as a church, at home or abroad, must be based upon efforts in harmony with the conditions laid down by our Lord? Forasmuch as he has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Thus the command "Go ye" is to the church, and we that stay at home must be practically concerned in those that go to teach the heathen or God can not effectually use us in our ministry at home.

With all earnestness and kindness we submit the foregoing.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson age Property
BURLINGTON DISTRICT											
Burl'gton South Hill.....		\$ 5 35	\$ 25 30		\$ 404 13	\$ 42 60		1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 800
Burlington North Hill.....			15 00		470 00	40 81	\$ 20 50	1	3500	1	800
Morning Sun.....			18 42		249 47	44 50	5 00	1	1000	1	800
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT											
Fairfield and Hickory Ridge.....		1 41	29 41		372 00	70 02		1	1000	1	800
Birmingham and Oak Grove.....			25 00		325 00	48 00		2	2000	1	600
Coal Post and Mt. Zion.....					144 13	33 60		2	1600	1	350
Ottumwa.....			25 15		450 00	33 42	5 00	1	1500	1	1150
Eldon, White Elm and Bethel.....			30 00		273 12	78 19		3	2000		
CENTERVILLE DISTRICT											
Centerville, Cincinnati, Drakeville			48 94		300 00	54 60	18 75	1	700	1	400
Brampton, Blakesburg, etc.....		4 00	33 20		220 96	38 67		1	800		
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT											
Cedar Rapids and Marion.....		4 50	67 91		507 52	53 69	15 16	2	2000	1	700
Toddville and No 1.....			30 00		249 39	53 61	1 00	2	2000		
Maquoketa, Iron Hills, Crab Town		3 15	40 07		386 00	84 00	15 66	3	2700	1	400
Walker and Cedar Ridge.....			10 00		300 00	35 25	7 00	2	1800	1	100
Monmouth and Madison Center.....					60 00			1	800		
CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT											
Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Dunkerton			23 00		610 74	58 36	8 00	2	2500	2	1800
Conrad.....	\$2 00		30 00		350 00	38 06		1	1500	1	800
Radcliffe, Hubbard, Lawn Hill....			10 31		228 85	21 49	12 36	1	1000	1	800
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT											
Knoxville and Pleasant Ridge.....			21 00		425 00	46 40		2	1600	1	800
Oskaloosa, Rose Hill, Sigourney, etc	35	25	10 08		277 80	37 11	2 57	4	2200	2	1400
Ackworth.....			12 00		98 30	30 80	30 60	1	1000		
Barnes City and Riggs.....			17 52		291 00	28 00	7 85	1	700	1	400
Newton and Wilson.....		5 00	20 32		405 00	38 32	7 30	1	1200	1	1000
Des Moines.....			36 00		448 00	35 21					
Total.....	\$2 35	\$23 66	\$578 63		\$7736 40	\$1043 51	\$156 75	37	\$38100	20	\$13540

†Including \$187 00 from Conference and the General Missionary Board

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

BURLINGTON, FAIRFIELD, CEDAR RAPIDS, KNOXVILLE, CENTERVILLE AND CEDAR FALLS DISTRICTS

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CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Mission	Woman's Foreign Missions Societies
BURLINGTON DISTRICT	Burlington, South Hill.....	C. W. Carnes, District Elder	35	2	1	1	1	1	8	40	8	9 00	\$ 5 40	\$ 2 10	\$ 4 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 4 50	\$ 2 70	\$ 27 20								
	Burlington, North Hill.....	E. E. Dalby.....	24	4	28	1	1	1	8	35	8	8 70	5 22	2 80	4 35	2 90	4 35	4 35									
	Burlington, Morning Sun.....	J. W. E. Ambrose.....	26	1	29	1	1	1	8	30	8	9 30	5 58	2 85	4 65	1 45	4 65	2 50									
	Supplied.....	Supplied.....																									
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT	Fairfield and Hickory Ridge.....	C. W. Carnes, District Elder	60	6	2	1	1	1	10	70	15	17 40	10 44	5 81	8 70	4 00	8 70	9 50									
	Birmingham and Oak Grove.....	G. A. Anderson.....	40	40	2	1	1	1	16	70	6	12 00	7 20	8 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	20 00									
	Coal Post and Mt. Zion.....	S. B. Gilbert.....	23	23	1	1	1	1	7	35	5	8 00	4 00	2 50	3 75	2 50	4 00	30 00									
	Ottumwa.....	E. J. Fish.....	23	2	25	1	1	1	7	35	5	8 00	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	4 00										
CENTERVILLE DISTRICT	Eldon, White Elm and Bethel.....	W. A. Whitlock.....	52	3	55	1	1	1	21	90	14	19 20	11 52	5 86	9 60	2 60	9 60										
	Centerville, Cincinnati, Drakeville.....	C. W. Carnes, District Elder	42	3	45	1	2	2	18	100	5	11 70	7 02	3 90	5 85	3 90	10 50										
	Brampton, Blakesburg, Wayne County.....	E. A. Clark.....	32	1	33	2	1	1	8	35	11	7 80	4 68	2 60	3 90	2 60	3 90	1 00									
	Supplied.....	Supplied.....																									
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT	Cedar Rapids and Marion.....	E. E. Hall, District Elder	42	9	51	1	1	2	14	100	14	12 60	8 56	4 20	6 30	4 20	6 30										
	Toddville and No. 1.....	John Moran.....	41	4	45	2	1	2	14	55	7	13 20	6 22	3 00	4 50	3 00	6 00										
	Maquoketa, Iron Hills and Crab Town.....	J. H. Gorrel.....	49	4	53	2	1	2	14	80	12	15 90	9 18	5 80	7 95	5 30	7 35	29 04									
	Walker and Cedar Ridge.....	J. S. Borton.....	28	28	2	2	2	7	40	7	24 50	4 00	3 84	2 84	4 00	4 00	4 00	30 00									
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT	Monmouth and Madison Center.....	*J. W. White.....	4	2	6	1	1	1	7	40	7	4 45	3 84	2 84	4 00	4 00	4 00										
	Dewitt Mission.....	Supplied.....																									
	Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Dunkerton.....	E. E. Hall, District Elder	44	9	53	1	1	1	7	50	12	15 15	7 88	4 10	6 15	4 10	6 15	11 10									
	Conrad.....	W. C. Hewitt.....	31	31	2	1	1	1	7	50	12	9 30	6 58	3 30	4 65	3 10	4 65	17 0									
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT	Racine, Hubbard and Lavin Hill.....	F. L. Mossman.....	12	12	1	1	1	1	6	24	7	4 50	2 16	1 50	1 80	1 20	1 20	15 35									
	Knoxville and Pleasant Ridge.....	E. E. Hall, District Elder	40	6	46	1	1	1	8	50	6	3 30	5 58	3 10	4 65	3 10	4 65	35									
	Oskaloosa, Rose Hill, Sigourney, etc.....	W. W. Vincent.....	30	3	33	1	1	1	8	24	12	7 50	4 50	3 75	2 50	3 75	3 75	40									
	Acton City and Riggs.....	J. H. Grovier, F. Grovier, sup.....	23	23	3	1	1	1	8	35	4	4 80	2 70	1 80	2 25	1 60	2 25	7 25									
DES MOINES DISTRICT	Newton and Wilson.....	Howard Durtee, supply.....	23	23	1	1	1	1	10	54	8	7 50	3 60	2 30	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 71									
	Des Moines.....	H. S. Stewart.....	23	23	1	1	1	1	10	54	8	7 50	3 60	2 30	3 00	2 00	3 00	25 00									
	Des Moines.....	J. P. Doud.....	29	3	32	1	1	1	8	72	8	7 50	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	3 75	12 92									
	Des Moines.....	J. Q. Murray.....	29	3	32	1	1	1	8	72	8	7 50	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	3 75	12 92									
Total.....			780	62	842	24	15	30	216	1169	194	\$234 90	\$140 94	\$72 65	\$117 45	\$67 95	\$117 45	\$94 54	\$176 88								

*J. W. White resigned and the district elder appointed him to Radcliffe.—A. L. Mossman's charge.

†Surplus raised for last General Conference.

WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Brantford, Ontario,
August 20-23, 1902

OFFICERS

G. W. COLEMAN, President.
J. M. EAGLE, Secretary. F. M. WEES, Assistant Secretary.
THOMAS A. DRURY, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, Robert Hamilton, J. M. Eagle, W. H. Wilson, A. H. Norrrington.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—G. W. Coleman, W. H. Wilson, A. H. Norrrington, J. M. Eagle, J. W. Stewart, D. H. McCallum.

On Quarterly Conference Records—F. M. Wees, H. Mallor, W. H. Wilson, M. S. Benn.

On Publications—T. A. Drury, M. S. Benn, A. H. Norrrington.

On Sabbath-schools—David Allan, H. Mellor, T. L. Fletcher.

On Education—M. S. Benn, T. A. Drury, F. M. Wees.

On Reforms—Robert Hamilton, J. W. Stewart, Rufus Stuart.

On the State of the Work—A. H. Norrrington, W. H. Wilson, J. M. Eagle.

On Publishing the Minutes—F. M. Wees, J. M. Eagle.

On Raising Funds to Publish the Minutes—David Allan.

On Soliciting Subscriptions for General Conference Daily—M. S. Benn.

To Receive Church Extension Fund—F. M. Wees.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—Henry Mellor.

To Receive General Mission Funds—M. O. Coates.

To Receive Conference Claimants and Foreign Mission Funds—T. A. Drury.

To Receive Conference Mission Funds—A. H. Norrrington, W. H. Wilson, J. M.

Eagle.

To Receive and Disburse Preachers and Delegates' Expenses to Annual Conference—A. H. Norrrington, W. H. Wilson, Henry Mellor.

To Receive Delegates' Expenses to General Conference—T. A. Drury.

STANDING COMMITTEES

On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—W. H. Wilson, A. H. Norrrington, J. M. Eagle.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—W. R. Pattison.

On Sabbath-schools—T. L. Fletcher.

On Education—M. O. Coates.

On Reforms—M. S. Benn.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. M. Eagle, president; M. O. Coates, secretary; R. Hamilton, treasurer; Rufus Stuart, T. S. Moorhouse.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. M. Eagle, president, for one year; M. O. Coates, secretary, for two years;
T. A. Drury, for three years.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. H. Norrrington, president; J. M. Eagle, secretary; J. W. Stewart, treasurer;
Rufus Stuart.

ADVISORY BOARD

J. M. Eagle, president, Middlemiss, Ontario; A. H. Norrington, secretary, 99 Park street, N., Hamilton, Ontario; Robert Hamilton, treasurer, 174 Sheridan street, Brantford, Ontario; J. W. Stewart, Scotland, Ontario; Rufus Stuart, Hannon, Ontario.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) General Superintendents' Salaries, (2) General Conference Delegates' Expenses; second quarter, (1) Conference Missions, fifteen cents per member, (2) Church Extension; third quarter, (1) General Missions, (2) Expenses of Preachers and Delegates to Annual Conference, fifteen cents per member; fourth quarter, (1) Conference Claimants' Fund, (2) Evangelists, Benefit Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. H. Wilson,	J. M. Eagle,	A. H. Norrington,	Robert Hamilton,
T. A. Drury.	David Allan,	M. O. Coates,	F. M. Wees,
M. S. Benn.	John Timbers.	T. L. Fletcher,	W. R. Pattison.

DELEGATES

J. W. Stewart,	W. A. Gibson,	Rufus Stuart,	Ettie Newham,
J. A. Sorge.	Albert E. Haley,	Rowan Cornell,	Peter Sharp,
Isaiah Bailey.	D. H. McCallum,	John Peach,	Agnes Baird,
T. S. Moorhouse.	Edwin Cridland,	Samuel Baxter,	Henry Mellor,
S. S. Winans,	George Moore.	W. Hamilton,	J. E. Crown.

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, W. H. Wilson, A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle, T. S. Moorhouse, D. H. McCallum, J. W. Stewart.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Ira Brown.

4. Who remain on trial? E. E. Loveless, J. A. Fletcher, J. W. Haley.

5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15. None.

6. Who are the deacons? D. Allan, R. Hamilton, F. M. Wees, J. Timbers, M. O. Coates, T. L. Fletcher.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? T. A. Drury.

8. Who have located this year? J. E. Clink.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and all passed.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$300.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? On the Charlemont circuit, as near the second week in September, 1903, as can be arranged by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The seventh annual session of the West Ontario conference was held at Brantford, August 20-24. General Superintendent Coleman presided. Five sittings were held, each of which was characterized by a spirit of harmony and brotherly love. Rev. W. B. Olmstead was present, giving an address on Sabbath-school work Thursday afternoon, and a very

pointed lecture at the temperance rally, held Friday evening. Rev. S. Sager of the Oil City conference was present at the sitting Saturday morning. We were also pleased to greet at this session Rev. W. H. Wilson, who has been pioneering our work in the district of Assinaboia north-west. A resolution was passed in which the conference recognized the Spring Arbor Seminary as an institution of learning worthy of our most hearty support.

The W. F. M. S. held a public service Sunday afternoon. Mrs. G. W. Coleman preached on the subject of foreign missions. A collection amounting to \$26.22 was received. The treasurer reported \$605.48 raised for the year. In the business meeting held Saturday, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Mary Clink, president, Canboro, Ontario; Mrs. J. R. Wees, secretary, West View, Assa.; Mrs. Hannah Eagle, treasurer, Middlemiss, Ontario.

The conference voted to hold its next session on the Charlemont circuit.

APPOINTMENTS

HAMILTON DISTRICT—A. H. NORRINGTON, District Elder, 99 Park Street, N. Hamilton, Ontario.

Hamilton. Olive Branch Mission Workers, supplies, 39 King Williams St., Hamilton, Ontario
Hannon, Kimbo, Caistor Centre and Grimsby.....

.....David Allan, Harry Iles, supply, Kimbo, Ontario
Canboro and Attercliffe.....Mary Clink, Hattie Toole, supplies, Canboro, "
Ridgeway and Sherston.....Robert Coates, supply, Ridgeway, "
Ft. Erie and Garrison Road.....William Nix, A. E. Haley, supplies, Fort Erie, "
Niagara Falls.....To be supplied
Welland and Wainfleet.....Ira Brown, Welland, Ontario
Montague, Wellandport and St. Anns.....Levi Ecker, supply, Wellandport, "

BRANTFORD DISTRICT—A. H. NORRINGTON, District Elder.

Brantford.....Robert Hamilton, 174 Sheridan St., Brantford, Ontario
Kelvin and Norwich.....Ada Forman, supply, Kelvin, "
Galt.....To be supplied

T. A. Drury, left without an appointment at his own request, Beamsville, Ontario.

TILSONBURG DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder, Middlemiss, Ontario.

Tilsonburg and Ebenezer.....M. O. Coates, Tilsonburg, Ontario
Walsingham.....W. R. Pattison, Walsingham, "
Houghton and Marston.....E. E. Loveless, Marston, "

SARNIA DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder.

Sarnia.....M. S. Benn, Box 581, Sarnia, Ontario
Thedford and Klondyke.....Matilda Sipprell, Delia Sinden, supplies, Thedford, "
Terminus, Thornyhurst and Bickford.....George Evans, supply, Thornyhurst, "
Charlemont, Wallaceburg and Zion.....T. L. Fletcher, one to be supplied, Charlemont, "
Dawn Mills and Shetland.....J. A. Hamilton, supply, Dawn Mills, "
Middlemiss.....J. A. Fletcher, Middlemiss, "
New Ontario Mission.....Robert Earl, supply

John Timbers, left without appointment to attend school.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DISTRICT—W. H. WILSON, District Elder, Sinteluta, Assinaboia.

Westview and Caron.....F. M. Wees, Westview, Assinaboia
Moose Jaw Mission.....Mrs. Emma Green, supply
Ebenezer and Sinteluta.....To be supplied
Greenville Mission.....To be supplied
Fairlight Mission.....Robert Elsom, Jennie Elsom, supplies
Almeda.....Heman Hulburt, supply

J. W. Haley, missionary to Africa.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

HAMILTON, BRANTFORD, TILSONBURG, SARNIA AND MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DISTRICTS

WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
HAMILTON DISTRICT																											
A. H. Norrington, Dist. Elder																											
O. B. Mission workers, supplies																											
Ada Forman, supply																											
David Allan																											
Kimbo, Caistor Centre and Grimsby																											
Canboro and Altercliffe																											
Mary Clink, Hattie Toole, sup's																											
J. A. Fletcher																											
Ridgeway, Ft. Erie and Sherkston.																											
Niagara Falls																											
G. B. Teal, supply																											
Ira Brown, supply																											
St. Ann's and Welland																											
Montague and Wainport																											
Levi Ecker, supply																											
A. H. Norrington, Dist. Elder																											
Brantford																											
Robert Hamilton																											
Thomas A. Drury																											
E. E. Loveless																											
J. M. Eagle, District Elder																											
F. M. Coates																											
W. R. Pattison																											
J. M. Eagle, District Elder																											
M. S. Benn																											
T. L. Fletcher																											
George Evans, supply																											
J. A. Hamilton, supply																											
Nancy Schantz, supply																											
R. Earl, supply																											
New Ontario mission																											
SARNIA DISTRICT																											
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Theford																											
Charlton and Wallaceburg																											
Terminus, Thornhurst and Bickford																											
Dawn Mills and Shetland																											
Middlemiss																											
New Ontario mission																											
MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DISTRICT																											
W. H. Wilson, District Elder																											
W. H. Wilson, J. Robinson, sup																											
J. W. Halsey																											
Sintaluta																											
Westview and Caron																											
Greenville																											
Belmont and Manitoba																											
Total																											

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
HAMILTON DISTRICT											
Hamilton			\$ 22 80		\$ 278 50	\$ 22 64		1	\$ 500		
Hannon			12 00		315 00	40 24		1	1000	1	\$ 600
Kimbo, Caistor Centre, Grimsby			9 11		276 14	34 10		1	900		
Canboro and Attercliffe					225 41	31 12		2	2800		
Ridgeway, Ft. Erie and Sherkston			7 52		50 50	30 15		1	1000		
Niagara Falls			5 50		366 04	35 76	\$ 8 75				
St. Anns and Welland			3 00		35 53						
Montague and Wellandport											
BRANTFORD DISTRICT											
Brantford			19 95		300 00	40 00		1	3000		
Kelvin	\$3 00		10 72		281 06	39 99	1 65	1	800	1	600
Galt and Sheffield			10 17	\$1 00	163 45	41 45		1	600		
TILSONBURG DISTRICT											
Ebenezer, Otterville, Dorchester			9 46	1 00	236 94	34 18		1	550		
Walsingham			8 36		250 00	40 00	1 50	1	1000	1	400
Houghton and Marston			18 68		290 37	32 00	95	1	550		
SARNIA DISTRICT											
Sarnia			23 49		321 71	36 08		1	1400		
Thedford			15 45		152 55	30 00		2	700		
Charlemont and Wallaceburg			29 25		407 17	69 98	1 60	3	2800	1	500
Terminus, Thornyhurst, Bickford			11 00		235 85	48 38	34	2	1200		
Dawn Mills and Shetland			1 92		216 28	50 00		2	1450	1	425
Middlemiss			2 45		159 36	41 37		1	600		
New Ontario mission											
MANITOBA AND N. W. DISTRICT											
Sintaluta			3 45		173 35		4 40	1	700		
Westview and Caron			8 02		272 75	50 45					
Greenville											
Belmont and Manitoba											
Total	\$3 00	\$232 30	\$2 00	\$5227 06	\$781 81	\$19 19 26	\$21950	5	\$2525		

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-third Annual Session, held at St. Charles, Illinois,
September 23-28, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

HENRY LENZ, Secretary.

GEORGE BRADFIELD, Assistant Secretary.

J. D. MARSH, Statistical Secretary.

W. E. BARDELL, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, H. O. Hubbard, W. M. Kelsey, B. D. Fay, W. J. Bone.

On Sunday-schools—P. W. Newcomer, Beatrice Beezley, J. G. Rockenbach, Maria Rose, John Hill.

On Publications—Henry Lenz, D. M. Smashey, W. E. Bardell, W. J. Jackson, J. H. Porter.

On Reforms—A. L. Whitcomb, W. J. Bone, Aria Townsend, W. P. Ferries, W. J. Jackson, George Cottingham.

On State of the Work—H. O. Hubbard, W. J. Bone, B. D. Fay, J. Harvey, William Masters, Minnie Bardell.

On Education—F. D. Brooke, G. H. Behner, S. J. De Young, James Tait, T. B. Arnold.

On Extension of the Work—J. D. Marsh, J. D. Kelsey, T. B. Arnold, Elias Koons, Thomas Heavisides, A. W. Parry.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—R. G. Wilkin.

Auditing Committee—W. P. Ferries, E. G. Cryer.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—D. W. Rose, W. C. Willing, F. M. Campbell, L. A. Hamrick, Sadie Cryer.

To Report for the Press—A. W. Parry.

On Complimentary Resolutions—W. P. Ferries.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. D. Kelsey, W. P. Ferries, F. D. Brooke, time expires 1903.

J. D. Marsh, H. O. Hubbard, J. H. Wøertendyke, time expires 1904.

J. H. Porter, James T. Tait, Joel Cronk, time expires 1905.

TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

J. D. Marsh, Charles Wright, time expires 1903.

J. D. Kelsey, W. J. Jackson, time expires 1904.

W. P. Ferries, R. B. McKee, time expires 1905.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. D. Kelsey, F. D. Brooke, J. D. Marsh, Thomas Heavisides, M. S. M. West.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. G. Rockenbach, time expires 1903.

B. D. Fay, time expires 1904.

J. D. Kelsey, time expires 1905.

F. M. Campbell, time expires 1906.

S. J. De Young, time expires 1907.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—J. G. Rockenbach.

On State of the Work—B. D. Fay.

On Extension of the Work—D. W. Rose.

On Publications—F. M. Campbell.

On Reforms—W. C. Willing.

On Education—A. W. Parry.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Maria Rose, 14 N. May St., Chicago, Illinois; first vice president, Mrs. Tressa R. Arnold, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; second vice president, Mrs. Della B. Bone, Fairbury, Illinois; recording secretary, Miss Sadie A. Cryer, Morris, Illinois; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ella H. Wendell, Ridott, Illinois; treasurer, Mrs. Emma H. Behner, East Peoria, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

James Sprague,	J. D. Marsh,	J. D. Kelsey,	W. P. Ferries,
F. D. Brooke,	P. W. Newcomer,	W. M. Kelsey,	J. T. Taylor,
H. O. Hubbard,	John Harvey,	W. C. McNeil,	W. E. Bardell,
F. M. Fish,	J. H. Woertendyke,	A. W. Parry,	B. D. Fay,
J. G. Rockenbach,	D. W. Rose,	J. H. Polly,	Peter Zeller,
E. G. Cryer,	M. L. Johnson,	S. J. De Young,	W. H. Winters,
J. F. Hill,	G. H. Behner,	Henry Lenz,	F. M. Campbell,
W. J. Bone,	A. L. Whitcomb,	D. M. Smashey,	W. C. Willing,
W. S. Scaif,	R. G. Wilkin.		

DELEGATES

M. S. M. West,	Thomas Heavisides,	William Peet,	James T. Tait,
W. J. Jackson,	Elias Koons,	L. A. Hamrick,	George Cottingham,
J. H. Porter,	T. B. Arnold,	Maria Rose,	Olara Burdick,
Sadie A. Cryer,	Virginia E. Gates,	Minnie E. Bardell,	Jennie Wessels,
Aria Townsend,	C. M. Stirdivant,	William Masters,	W. P. Lasswell,
S. Sunday,	Beatrice Beezley,	Agnes Calcutt,	Kate Hill,
May Allen,	Ida Goodrich,	Joel Cronk,	H. H. Everett,
William Morrison.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, H. O. Hubbard, B. D. Fay, W. J. Bone, J. H. Porter, M. S. M. West, Thomas Heavisides.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. M. Stirdivant, E. A. Tapper.
4. Who remain on trial? George Bradfield, T. C. Wendell.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. G. Wilkin.
6. Who are the deacons? W. C. Willing, W. S. Scaif, of the first-class; R. G. Wilkin, of the second class.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.
10. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. H. Woertendyke, Peter Zeller, F. M. Fish, James Sprague, A. W. Parry.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. W. Lyman.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? W. H. Winters, to the Texas conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the conference claimants? James Sprague, \$90; F. M. Fish, \$50; Peter Zeller, \$100; A. W. Parry, \$80; J. H. Woertendyke, \$50; orphan child of the late Rev. Hall, \$25.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The first Tuesday in September, 1903, the place to be decided by the three district elders.

MISCELLANEOUS

After seven years the conference again convened at old historic Saint Charles. The conference was opened with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Fifteen minutes were set aside at each sitting for an address by the general superintendent. Conference ordered the election of three traveling district elders. Unlike last year, the three district elders were elected on the first ballot. They are H. O. Hubbard, W. J. Bone, B. D. Fay, receiving 39, 37 and 30 votes respectively, out of 50 votes cast. They did not offer to resign.

The conference collections were ordered to be taken as follows: Home Missions, 20 cents, October; General Missions, January; Church Extension, March; Evansville Seminary, 15 cents, April; Conference Claimants', June; General Superintendents', August.

The following collections were taken during the conference: For secretary's expenses, \$4.62; for publishing the Minutes, \$30.85; for the benevolent home, \$17.95; for resident pastor, \$20.50; for A. W. Parry, \$116.50; for W. F. M. Society, \$121.25; for Evansville Seminary, \$13; for Chicago Industrial Home, located at Woodstock, Ill., \$87.05.

The following ministers preached during the conference: B. R. Jones, H. A. Knapp, B. J. Vincent, F. M. Campbell, W. H. Winters, G. H. Behner, L. B. Webb, A. L. Whitcomb, J. D. Marsh, W. T. Hogue, J. D. Kelsey, T. B. Arnold.

The home mission funds were appropriated as follows for the coming year: District elder on Elgin district, \$75; Cary and Algonquin, \$20; New Bedford, \$20; Winnebago and Ridott, \$20; Crawford, \$40; Deer Creek, \$20; total \$195. Twenty cents per member was fixed as the home mission claim.

J. D. Marsh and A. L. Whitcomb were elected ministerial delegates to the general conference, and Thomas Heavisides and J. H. Porter, lay delegates. H. O. Hubbard and F. D. Brooke, reserve ministerial delegates, and T. B. Arnold and William Masters, reserve lay delegates.

The publishing house was represented by Rev. B. J. Vincent.

A very interesting and profitable feature of the conference was the school of instruction conducted by the general superintendent on points of the Discipline.

The following persons were introduced to the conference; Rev. H. A. Knapp, of the Wisconsin conference; Rev. B. J. Vincent, of the North Indiana conference, who represented the publishing house; Rev. Mr. Davidson, of the Congregational church; Rev. Mr. Norris, of the M. E. church; Rev. J. P. Doud, of the Iowa conference; Rev. L. B. Webb, of the Wisconsin conference; Rev. Wilson T. Hogue, of the Genesee conference and editor of the *Free Methodist*.

George Cottingham, B. D. Fay and Mrs. Airy Townsend were elected a committee to visit the Chicago Industrial Home for Children and were requested to present a written report of the same at the next session of the annual conference.

An interesting feature of the conference was the presentation of a memorial on the death of three charter members of the Free Methodist society at St. Charles. Two of the three charter members remaining, William Morrison and Eliza Ward rose in their seats, witnessing to original Free Methodism.

The deficiencies in conference collections were referred back to the quarterly conferences of the districts where the deficiencies occurred. The conference treasurer was instructed to notify the district elders of the amounts due.

This conference will go down in history as the rainy conference, as it rained every day of the session.

A memorial was ordered to be sent to the general conference asking that the prelimi-

nary course of study be changed from the written to an oral examination; also a memorial asking that women appointed as supplies in the conference and who have served for two consecutive years, be given seats in the annual conference.

Conference Sunday was a high day in Israel. Three strong sermons were preached by General Superintendent B. R. Jones, Rev. W. T. Hogue, and Rev. A. L. Whitcomb, respectively.

APPOINTMENTS

CHICAGO DISTRICT—H. O. HUBBARD, District Elder, 355 S. Hoyne avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago, First Church..... John Harvey, Chicago, Illinois
 " Second Church..... J. D. Kelsey, 48 Lexington street, "
 " Dearborn Street and South Chicago..... "
 " F. D. Brooke, 5253 Dearborn street, Chicago, Illinois
 " Humboldt Park..... J. D. Marsh, 981 North California avenue, "
 Aurora..... W. C. Willing, 105 South Lincoln avenue, Aurora, Illinois
 Evanston..... A. L. Whitcomb, 1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, Illinois
 Harvey and South Englewood..... P. W. Newcomer, Harvey, "
 Crawford..... O. M. Stirdivant, 2802 Forty-second court, Chicago, "
 Melrose Park..... J. G. Rockenbach, Melrose Park, "
 Glen Ellyn..... T. B. Arnold, supply, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
 St. Charles..... W. M. Kelsey, St. Charles, "

J. T. Taylor, missionary to India; E. G. Cryer, evangelist, 297 West Lake street, Chicago, Illinois.

ELGIN DISTRICT—B. D. FAY, District Elder, Franklin Grove, Illinois.

Elgin and South Elgin..... W. P. Ferries, 63 Villa street, Elgin, Illinois
 Freeport and Lena..... George Bradfield, 24 American street, Freeport, "
 Winnebago and Ridott..... T. C. Wendell, Mrs. Ella H. Wendell, supply, Ridott, "
 Belvidere and Rockford..... W. S. Scaif, Belvidere, "
 Marengo..... E. A. Tapper, Marengo, "
 Woodstock..... R. G. Wilkin, Woodstock, "
 Cary and Algonquin..... D. W. Finch, supply, Algonquin, "
 Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley..... J. H. Polly, Nunda, "
 Sycamore and South Burlington..... D. M. Smashey, Sycamore, "
 Franklin Grove and Ashton..... To be supplied
 Dustin..... To be supplied
 Franklin..... To be supplied

W. E. Bardell, manager of Chicago Industrial Home, Woodstock, Illinois; J. H. Woertendyke, Freeport, Illinois; Peter Zeller, Evansville, Wisconsin; F. M. Fish, superannuated, Woodstock, Illinois.

PEORIA DISTRICT—W. J. BONE, District Elder, Fairbury, Illinois.

Peoria and Limestone..... Henry Lenz, 604 Windom St., Peoria, Illinois
 East Peoria and Pekin..... G. H. Behner, East Peoria, "
 Deer Creek and Bethel..... G. C. Mills, supply, Deer Creek, "
 Fairbury..... D. W. Rose, Fairbury, "
 Streator..... To be supplied

W. H. Winters, given a certificate of standing in view of transfer, Greenville, Texas; M. L. Johnson, missionary to Deer Park, Alabama.

KEWANEE DISTRICT—W. J. BONE, District Elder.

Kewanee, Saxon, Galva and Toulon.....
 F. M. Campbell, 106 East First St., Kewanee, Illinois; one to be supplied
 Sheffield and Atkinson..... To be supplied
 New Bedford and Leon..... L. Hamrick, supply, New Bedford, Illinois
 Sherrard..... Lizzie Haist, supply
 Princeton..... To be supplied

W. C. McNeil, left without appointment; A. W. Parry, Sheffield, Illinois; James Sprague, superannuated, Princeton, Illinois.

MORRIS DISTRICT.—W. J. BONE, District Elder.

Morris and Mazon J. F. Hill, Morris, Illinois
 Kempton and Gardner..... S. J. DeYoung, Kempton, Illinois

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Belle Smashey, Mrs. Lizzie Brooke, Mrs. Maria Rose, Sadie A. Cryer,
 Clara Burdick, Lizzie M. Haist, Bertha Rubeck, Mrs. Ella Wendell,
 Mrs. Minnie E. Bardell, Mrs. Jennie Wessels, Mrs. Eva R. Willing, A. E. Burlison,
 Mrs. Emma H. Behner, Mrs. Della B. Bone, Mrs. May Fay.

LOCAL ELDERS

William Morrison..... St. Charles, Illinois
 Thomas Duncan..... Sheffield, Illinois
 J. A. Murray..... 1906 Asbury avenue, Evanston, Illinois
 T. B. Arnold..... Glen Ellyn, Illinois

LOCAL DEACONS

W. P. Lasswell..... Peoria, Illinois, R. F. D., No. 1

ADDRESSES

Henry Lenz, secretary..... 604 Windom street, Peoria, Illinois
 W. E. Bardell, treasurer..... Woodstock, Illinois

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessment, \$301.50.
 Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$197.90; paid to W. E. Bardell, \$103.60. Total, \$301.50.
 GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessment, \$150.75.
 Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$135.55; paid to W. E. Bardell, \$15.35. Total, \$150.90.
 Surplus, 15 cents.
 CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessment, \$100.50.
 Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$79.70; paid to W. E. Bardell, \$15.90. Total, \$95.50.
 Deficit, \$5.00.
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.—Assessment, \$180.90.
 Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$95.47; paid to W. E. Bardell, \$80.93. Total, \$176.40.
 Deficit, \$4.50.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Assessment, \$150.75.
 Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$100.40; paid to W. E. Bardell, \$44.30. Total, \$144.70.
 Deficit, \$6.05.
 HOME MISSIONS.—Received, \$197.13.
 Paid out, \$196.62. Surplus, 51 cents.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Paid to W. E. Bardell, \$16.91.
 EVANSVILLE SEMINARY.—Paid to W. E. Bardell, \$22.40.

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CHICAGO AND ELGIN DISTRICTS

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CHICAGO DISTRICT																	
H. O. Hubbard, District Elder																	
Chicago, First Church	C. W. Lyman	32	9	41	1	1	1	11	50	10	\$13.80	\$8.98	10.20	\$6.90	4.60	13.95	\$2.45
" Second Church	J. D. Kelsey	74	5	79	1	2	1	15	125	22	21.60	19.92	14.40	10.80	7.30	16.80	172.99
" Dearborn St. and So. Chicago	F. D. Brooke	53	9	62	1	1	1	13	110	13	19.20	17.92	18.80	6.60	4.40	2.83	63.07
" Humboldt Park	J. D. Marsh	60	5	65	1	1	1	15	125	13	17.40	10.44	11.60	8.70	8.70	11.73	4.00
" Crawford	C. M. Sturdivant	14	8	22	1	2	1	8	70	3	9.60	2.16	2.40	1.80	1.20	1.80	12.83
Aurora	W. C. Wiffing	36	5	41	1	1	1	6	89	9	3.60	2.76	2.40	4.80	3.60	4.80	27.75
Evanston	A. L. Whitcomb	33	16	49	8	1	1	9	80	11	10.80	6.48	7.20	5.40	3.60	15.60	37.00
Harvey and South Englewood	John Harvey	33	5	38	1	1	1	9	73	10	9.60	5.76	3.40	4.80	4.70	12.55	16.00
Melrose Park	J. R. Hill	21	1	22	1	1	1	5	25	6	3.60	2.16	2.40	1.80	1.20	2.55	4.00
Glen Ellyn	T. B. Arnold, supply	12	1	13	1	1	1	17	102	13	14.10	8.40	7.05	4.70	7.05	7.05	16.00
St. Charles	W. M. Kelsey	44	3	47	1	1	1	17	102	13	14.10	8.40	7.05	4.70	7.05	7.05	16.00
ELGIN DISTRICT																	
B. D. Fay, District Elder																	
Elgin and South Elgin	W. P. Ferris	45	8	53	1	1	1	7	40	12	12.00	7.10	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	24.74
Freeport and Lena	D. W. Rose	35	2	37	1	1	1	7	30	13	9.30	5.75	6.20	4.65	4.65	6.1	5.60
Winnebago and Ridott	T. C. Wendell, E. Wendell, sup	33	2	35	1	2	1	10	60	13	9.60	6.15	6.40	3.20	4.65	4.65	10.00
Belvidere and Rockford	E. G. Coyer	31	4	35	1	2	1	16	50	10	13.40	8.70	9.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	18.90
Marango and Woodstock	R. G. Wilkin	31	4	35	1	2	1	10	75	19	8.70	5.22	5.80	3.95	2.90	4.35	18.90
Cary and Algonquin	D. W. Smashey	22	1	23	1	1	1	10	43	16	7.60	4.25	4.60	3.45	2.30	2.30	9.50
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley	J. G. Rokenbach	32	1	33	1	1	1	7	35	12	10.20	6.12	6.80	5.10	3.60	5.10	33.12
Sycamore and South Burlington	P. W. Newcomer	23	4	27	1	1	1	10	25	5	7.80	4.68	5.20	3.90	2.60	3.90	39.81
Franklin Grove and Ashton	Supplied	8	6	14	1	1	1	5	20	6	2.10	1.35	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	33.60
Dustin	Supplied	8	8	16	1	1	1	4	15	2	2.10	1.35	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	33.60
Franklin	Supplied	8	8	16	1	1	1	4	15	2	2.10	1.35	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	33.60

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

PEORIA, KEWANEE AND MORRIS DISTRICTS

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PEORIA DISTRICT																	
Peoria and Limestone.....	W. J. Bone, District Elder	47	11	58	2	2	16	79	11	\$ 14.40	\$ 8.64	\$ 9.60	\$ 7.20	\$ 4.80	\$ 7.20		
East Peoria and Pekin.....	Henry Lenz.....	26	16	42	1	2	16	80	16	7.80	4.68	5.20	3.80	2.60	3.80		
Deer Creek and Bethel.....	C. H. Reimer.....	17	6	23	1	1	8	25	2	4.80	2.88	2.40	2.40	1.60	2.40		
Fairbury.....	C. C. Mills, supply.....	38	1	39	1	1	13	80	14	12.30	7.38	8.20	6.15	4.10	6.15	\$ 11.75	\$15.00
Sycamore.....	George Bradfield.....	4	1	5						1.20	75	80	60	40	60		
Deer Park, Alabama.....	Supplied.....	10	1	11	1	1	4	52	3								
	M. L. Johnson.....																
KEWANEE DISTRICT																	
	W. J. Bone, District Elder																
Kewanee, Saxon and Galva.....	W. J. Bone, District Elder	56	3	59		1	6	44	20	15.30	9.18	9.18	7.65	5.10	7.65		
Sheffield and Atkinson.....	F. M. Campbell.....	26	26	52	2	2	26	15	9	7.10	4.86	5.40	4.05	2.70	4.05	2.00	
New Bedford and Leon.....	T. Duncan, supply.....	20	1	21		1	4	15	2	6.30	3.78	4.20	3.15	2.10	3.15		5.00
Knoxville.....	J. H. Polly.....	7	4	11		1	5	33	4	2.40	1.44	1.60	1.20	.80	1.20		4.25
Sherrard and Viola.....	Supplied.....	4	3	7		1	3	8	2	1.20	.72	.80	.60	.40	.60	1.00	
Princeton.....	Lizzie Haist, supply.....																
	Supplied.....																
MORRIS DISTRICT																	
	W. J. Bone, District Elder																
Morris and Mazon.....	W. J. Bone, District Elder	32	2	34		1	6	30	8	11.40	6.84	7.60	5.70	3.80	5.70		
Kempton and Gardner.....	W. S. Scalf.....	26	2	28		2	10	60	6	8.10	4.86	5.40	4.50	2.70	4.05	2.00	
Amount collected at conference and from other sources.....	S. J. De Young.....																
Total.....		1015	131	1146	20	20	182	1762	186	\$297.50	\$174.20	\$191.43	\$149.40	\$96.10	\$147.70	\$153.27	\$641.69

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
CHICAGO DISTRICT						\$ 748 28					
Chicago, First Church			\$ 57 88		\$575 00	83 85	\$ 1 00	1	4000		
" Second Church	\$2 10		142 85	\$3 50	700 00	136 80		1	6000	1	\$ 2000
" Dearborn St., S. Chicago			80 92		705 95	79 20		2	6500	1	1500
" Humboldt Park			105 91		746 33	104 40		1	4000		
" Crawford			30 41		307 06	21 60		1	3000		
Aurora			32 12		596 26	58 00	27 45	1	5000	1	2000
Evanston			52 98		800 00	66 25		1	8500	1	3500
Harvey and South Englewood			30 84		400 00	59 60		1	2000	1	1400
Melrose Park			86 36		355 16	30 60		1	2000	1	2000
Glen Ellyn			24 46		205 78	23 40		1	2000	1	2000
St. Charles			95 67		528 13	84 50	4 86	1	4000	1	2000
ELGIN DISTRICT						579 71					
Elgin and South Elgin			36 06		650 00	84 50	4 86	2	5800	2	2800
Freeport and Lena			20 43		524 00	64 50		1	1500	1	1700
Winnebago and Ridott			29 12		267 27	64 50		2	2800		
Belvidere and Rockford			27 50		481 25	85 00		1	1500	1	1500
Marengo and Rockford			27 74	2 00	300 00	63 85	20 33	2	4000	1	800
Cary and Algonquin			22 60		518 83	48 00		2	1800	1	1000
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley	\$2 10	1 75	19 03		473 15	68 00		2	1800	1	1200
Sycamore and South Burlington			17 86	3 00	515 73	55 00	12 00	2	2800	1	1200
Franklin Grove and Ashton			6 00		100 00	20 28	40 00	2	2000	1	1000
Dustin			15 00			26 08		1	1000	1	400
Franklin											
PEORIA DISTRICT						271 84					
Peoria and Limestone	11 75		50 55	1 50	600 00	96 00	35 69	2	5000	1	2500
East Peoria and Pekin			34 83		350 00	62 00	108 90	2	3500	1	800
Deer Creek and Bethel			16 29		292 25	33 32	5 00	2	2000	1	500
Fairbury	1 17		38 67		505 50	80 00	13 29	1	2500	1	1500
Streator						10 52					
Deer Park, Alabama	2 61		13 76		95 27			1	500		
KEWANEE DISTRICT						202 80					
Kewanee, Saxon and Galva	12 00		24 48		480 00	123 80		2	6200	1	1500
Sheffield and Atkinson					375 00			2	2000	1	800
New Bedford and Leon			7 00		225 00	42 00		1	300	1	1000
Knoxville											
Sherrard and Viola			20 20		165 14	29 00	33 50	1	1000		
Princeton	3 00		4 77	2 00	90 25	8 00		1	1000	1	500
MORRIS DISTRICT						122 65					
Morris and Mazon			15 20		466 00	68 65		2	4200	2	2000
Kempton and Gardner			15 00	1 00	450 00	54 00	18 75	2	2500	1	1000
Total	\$ 5 10	\$31 38	\$1202 94	\$13 00	13844 31	\$2025 20	\$325 63	48	\$102700 29	\$40000	

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Session, held at South Haven,
Michigan, September 10-13, 1902

OFFICERS

GEORGE W. COLEMAN, President.

A. BRADFIELD, Secretary.

D. J. VAN ANTWERP, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, L. H. Mulholland, W. C. Muffitt, C. W. Miller.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—F. L. Baker.

On Education—D. S. Warner, F. L. Baker, E. J. Manning.

On Publications—W. C. Muffitt, J. Craig, C. L. Osgood.

On Sabbath-schools—W. B. Olmstead, C. D. Paige, L. E. Chase, F. P. Russell.

On Temperance—L. H. Mulholland, J. N. Boyer, G. W. C. Smith, E. K. Rhoat.

On Secret Societies—J. Craig, J. Baker, G. Laubach, W. McKay.

On Quarterly Conference Records—D. S. Warner, I. L. King, R. L. Scamehorn.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Receive Home Mission Fund—L. H. Mulholland.

To Receive General and Foreign Mission Funds—G. H. Peters.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—J. Baker.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—J. N. Boyer.

To Receive Church Extension and Aid Society Funds—I. L. King.

To Receive Educational and Children's Funds—G. Laubach.

On Memoirs—P. E. Vincent, A. Bradfield.

To Visit Spring Arbor Seminary—P. E. Vincent, L. N. Cottrell.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. C. Muffitt, time expires 1905; G. Laubach, time expires 1904;

P. E. Vincent, time expires 1903.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. Bradfield, chairman; P. E. Vincent, secretary; L. H. Mulholland, treasurer;

C. L. Osgood, W. Hennessey.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—J. Craig.

On Publications—L. H. Mulholland.

On Sabbath-schools—F. L. Baker

On Temperance—P. E. Vincent.

On Secret Societies—W. B. Olmstead.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. George Laubach, Milan, Michigan; corresponding secretary, Mrs.

J. H. Belote, Sherwood, Michigan; recording secretary, Mrs. M. Da Foe;

treasurer, Kate Martin, Ida, Michigan.

OFFICERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

W. B. Olmstead, president; A. Bradfield, secretary; L. H. Mulholland, treasurer.

W. B. Olmstead, A. Bradfield, members of executive committee.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home and General Missions; second quarter, Conference Claimants'; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Church Extension and Aid Society.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

H. Sawyer,	A. Bradfield,	P. E. Vincent,	G. W. C. Smith,
B. R. Jones,	F. P. Russell,	S. A. McGee,	L. H. Mulholland,
J. Baker,	R. L. Scamehorn,	O. W. Miller,	C. D. Paige,
G. H. Peters,	F. L. Baker,	I. L. King,	J. N. Boyer,
W. S. Mulholland,	W. B. Olmstead,	C. H. Jerome,	G. Laubach,
J. Craig,	W. C. Muffitt,	D. J. Van Antwerp,	D. S. Warner,
A. T. Shumway,	L. N. Cottrell,	M. Da Foe,	J. R. Poet.

DELEGATES

Lettie Drake,	E. K. Rhoat,	W. Hennessey,	E. J. Manning,
M. W. Gage,	R. R. Woodward,	E. A. Moyer,	Mrs. C. C. Haskins,
A. J. Beardsley,	W. Russell,	W. McKay,	E. Bills,
L. E. Chase,	W. Cleveland,	C. East,	C. W. Butterfield,
A. Reppert,	C. Kissell,	E. Palmer,	G. H. Thompson,
C. L. Osgood,	J. Fortress.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, L. H. Mulholland, W. C. Muffitt, C. L. Osgood, E. J. Manning.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? B. Boone, S. B. Smith.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. R. Poet.

6. Who are the deacons? D. J. Van Antwerp, A. T. Shumway, J. R. Poet.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. A. McGee.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? G. W. C. Smith, A. Bradfield.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? L. N. Cottrell and M. Da Foe, from the North Indiana conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. S. McDivitt.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? Jacob Leisenring.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? H. Jawyer, \$110; Mrs. Jennie S. Tiffany, \$25; A. Bradfield, \$50; G. W. C. Smith, \$100.

22. None.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? As near the last week in August, 1903, as may be consistent with the plan of the general super-

intendents; the place left with the district elders and the pastor of Hillsdale circuit, Hillsdale, Michigan, being the first choice of the conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-eighth session of our conference was held in the Free Methodist church in South Haven, Michigan, September 10-13, 1902. Five sittings were held.

The conference was favored with the presence of the following brethren, who were invited to honorary seats: Elders F. D. Brooke, H. O. Hubbard, J. H. Polly, of the Illinois; L. N. Cottrell, M. Da Foe, P. S. Shoemaker, of the North Indiana; and G. A. Olmstead, of the Ohio conference.

There was raised in subscriptions and cash for the new parsonage in South Haven, Michigan, \$361.25; about \$40.00 for the Woodstock Home, and \$5.00 for the secretaries.

The Church Extension and Aid Society recommended that aid be extended to the Kalamazoo and Hillsdale circuits.

A majority of the preachers united with the Ministers' Mutual Aid Society, which consists of the Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Michigan conferences.

A quantity of books entitled "An Act for the Incorporation of Free Methodist Churches in the State of Michigan," was left with the secretary for sale; price, 10 cents.

APPOINTMENTS

SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—L. H. MULHOLLAND, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

Spring Arbor.....	D. S. Warner, Spring Arbor, Michigan
Parma.....	To be supplied
Jackson.....	To be supplied
Hudson and Woodstock.....	B. Boone, Hudson, Michigan

B. R. Jones, general superintendent, 918 Francis St., Jackson, Michigan; W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary, 14 N. May St., Chicago, Illinois.

DETROIT DISTRICT—L. H. MULHOLLAND, District Elder.

Detroit.....	To be supplied
West Detroit.....	F. L. Baker, 681 Trombly Ave., Detroit, Michigan
New Boston, Texas and Sand Hill.....	G. H. Peters, New Boston, "
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter.....	J. Linn, supply, Waltz, "
Milan and Oakville.....	G. Laubach, Milan, "
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford.....	S. B. Smith, Temperance, "
Blissfield, Town Line, Prairie and Petersburg.....	J. Poet, Deerfield, "
Ridgeway, Holloway and Wellsville.....	A. T. Shumway, Britton, "
Adrian and Madison.....	J. Baker, 120 Frank St., Adrian, "
Jasper and Deming's Lake.....	G. Dean, supply, Jasper, "

COLDWATER DISTRICT—W. C. MUFFITT, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

Coldwater and Hillsdale.....	C. D. Paige, Quincy, Michigan
South Quincy, Bethel and Algansee.....	L. N. Cottrell, Coldwater, R. F. D 5, "
Frontier and Ransom.....	P. E. Vincent, Frontier, "
Sherwood and Colon.....	R. L. Scamehorn, Sherwood, "
Athens, Union City and Battle Creek.....	D. J. Van Antwerp, Ada Van Antwerp, supply, Athens, "
Eckford.....	To be supplied

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—W. C. MUFFITT, District Elder.

Kalamazoo.....	J. Craig, 919 Austin St., Kalamazoo, Michigan
South Haven.....	C. W. Miller, South Haven, "

Lawrence and Hartford.....	J. N. Boyer, Lawrence, Michigan
Decatur and Keeler.....	I. L. King, Decatur, "
Watervliet, Fish school-house and Hagar.....	W. S. Mulholland, Coloma, "
Bainbridge, Pipestone, Royalton and Benton Harbor.....	O. H. Jerome, Benton Harbor, "

F. P. Russell, evangelist, South Haven, Michigan; M. Da Foe, conference missionary A. Bradfield, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; G. W. C. Smith, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; S. A. McGee, supernumerary, Vermontville, Michigan.

EVANGELISTS

Mary Osmun, annual conference evangelist.....	Pontiac, Michigan
Josephine Holden, annual conference evangelist.....	Quincy, "
Mrs. Clara Smith, quarterly conference evangelist.....	South Haven, "
Mrs. Grace Teachout, quarterly conference evangelist.....	Bethel, "
Mrs. Sarah Smith, quarterly conference evangelist.....	Decatur, "
Mrs. Ada Van Antwerp, quarterly conference evangelist.....	Athens, "

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

Goldsmith Dean.....	Jasper, Michigan	James Linn.....	Waltz, Michigan
Lewis E. Chase.....	Jackson, "	W. McKay.....	Spring Arbor, "
Benjamin Mark.....	Decatur, "	G. H. Thompson.....	Blissfield, "
L. L. Warner.....	Tipton, "	E. C. Millen.....	Benton Harbor, "
W. Simpkins, Coldwater, R. F. D. 5, Michigan.			
A. L. Dewey, Addison, Michigan.			

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

HOME MISSIONS.—Amount raised, \$128.28.

Disbursed by conference treasurer before conference session, \$46.10. Appropriated to Bernard Boone, \$15; A. T. Shumway, \$10; C. D. Paige, \$10; J. N. Boyer, \$10; I. L. King, \$15; Bainbridge and Benton Harbor circuit, \$10; Sherwood and Colon, \$12.18. Total, \$128.28.

It is recommended that an amount equal to 15 cents per member be raised and sent to L. H. Mulholland, Spring Arbor, Michigan; and that he be instructed to send \$20 of said fund to the Bainbridge, Pipestone, Royalton and Benton Harbor circuit.

The treasurer was also instructed to pay our conference missionary, M. Da Foe, \$50 in quarterly installments.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportioned and paid, \$139.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Apportioned, \$93; paid, \$81.50; deficit, \$11.50.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$279.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, 167.40.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Apportioned and paid, \$139.50.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Amount paid, \$151.85.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—\$173.92.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—Amount collected, \$22.05.

II.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES—LABOR UNIONS.

The social, commercial and religious conditions and relations are becoming more and more complicated.

In order that the church in the aggregate may stand clear and free from all evil complications she must have clear spiritual vision, moral integrity and the requisite intelligence. As a church we are more in danger, perhaps, from the encroachments of the labor unions than from any other form of organized secrecy. While our position in regard to the secrecy element in organizations is well defined and we believe well taken, yet because of our close relationship to the poor and laboring classes and our sympathy for them, and also because of a failure, it may be, to fully understand and apprehend the principles and questions at issue, we are in considerable danger of compromising our position and principles.

There is nothing either legally or morally wrong for those who have interests in com.

mon to unite in a proper way for the purpose of conserving and promoting those interests in harmony with the Golden Rule—"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." But when these governments within the government assume the prerogatives of the civil government, and purposely and persistently maintain an attitude and pursue a course that contravenes these self-evident truths contained in the Declaration of Independence—"that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;" *"it is the right of the people to alter or abolish" them.*

President Roosevelt suggests enforced publicity as one remedy for trust evils. This remedy is capable of a much wider application. "We are free to acknowledge that combinations of capitalists and employers against the interests of their employees is wrong and unchristian and mischief-making." On the other hand, "when a demand is made on the plea that the demanders have the power to enforce it, a surrender to that demand is a surrender of the control of the business to persons little concerned about its prosperity. To give in to a demand made by process of compulsion is to admit the power of compulsion."

"There might be an agreement with the union for a time which it would depend on the honor and continuity of the union to carry out, but the concession admits the power and invites new demands."

Even if there was no breach of agreement there might be no end of impeding regulations made by some unseen power to limit the usefulness of the men to their employers to which, under the same compulsion, the employing company would have no choice but to submit.

If this kind of compulsion is so powerful with wealthy companies, with unlimited command of capital, it is simply a reign of terror with concerns—and they are the great majority—which are in daily anxiety how to make ends meet. "Yet is it not the duty of those with whom the responsibility of management rests to maintain their liberty?" Again, the principles and processes of these unions are destructive of "liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"If one man may not sell his labor without another man's consent he has lost his liberty."

If to prevent any man from selling his labor to whomsoever he pleases, and on whatever terms he pleases, other men may threaten him with injury to his person or his property, or put him in any kind of fear, then the man so menaced is practically on the footing of the negro slave before the war; his labor is not his own, but at other men's disposal. "A very important point from a Christian point of view—and there can be no better standard for the highest right between man and man—is that no voluntary union can enforce its majority decisions on persons who do not wish to be ruled by them, except either by force or terrorism, or by the co-operation of employers."

"The law protects the man who prefers independence against force and against terrorism, but not against employers."

"For the employer to co-operate is to join in handing over the interests of all in the business to the control of a majority. The association would, by their action, cease to be voluntary and become a bondage."

"It is only the tenacious refusal of some employers to recognize such authority which at all protects the liberty of the working man."

"If there were absolute community of interest, such an empire within an empire might be defended by some social philosophers, but that is very far from being the case."

"The direct operation of the union movement is, so far as it goes, against the interests of the ambitious workman, who wants to get on by doing his best, its tendency being to reduce all to a dead level, treating men as units in a machine rather than as individuals. This is injurious, but it is, so far, voluntary."

"The indirect action is to throw out of work all who do not reach a given standard of excellence."

"Grant, for instance, that London dock laborers, the worst paid of all employees, got an increase of fifty per cent in their pay, there would be immediately twice as many applicants for the work, and those wretched people, on the ground of whose sad case the demand was made, would soon be out of it altogether."

"The employers would get probably as good value for their money in the superior class of men they were able to choose from; the sufferers would be those ruled out."

"This principle, in different ways, applies everywhere."

"The rate of wages can be forced up, but no one can be forced to pay a man more than he is earning, and the weakest goes to the wall."

"The union has no care for those who are thus forced out. It is done with them."

"For this reason, among others, we are inclined to come to the general conclusion that the only tolerable involuntary association is that necessary one, the government of a country, which includes the whole community, and which is the only proper one through which to exercise compulsion." Furthermore, these labor unions require us, as Free Methodists to ignore and disregard our sacred obligations and relations.

First, by virtually saying to us: "You cannot follow your lawful vocation and support yourself and family unless you unite with our secret society."

When our book of Discipline says: "Any society requiring an oath, affirmation, or promise of secrecy as a condition of membership, is held to be a secret society; and any member joining or continuing in such violates his covenant obligations, and shall in due form be excluded from the church; and the preacher shall report that he is excluded for infraction of our rules and regulations" (*F. M. Discipline, Section 54, Paragraph 29*).

Second. The labor unions require the employer to refuse employment to his Christian brother under no less penalty than being ostracized by them. They would thus make him recreant to the obligations he is under to his brother, to the church, and to God.

The following quotations from the general rules of the Free Methodist church and the Bible are pertinent:

"By doing good, especially to those who are of the household of faith, or groaning so to be; employing them preferably to others, buying of one another, helping each other in business; and so much the more, because the world will love its own, and them only" (*F. M. Discipline, Section 42, Paragraph 20*).

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

"I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked" (Psa. 26:4, 5).

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psa. 1:1, 2).

III.—ON MEMOIRS.

Death has broken our ranks and taken from our number Rev. Jacob Leisenring, who was born in Varick, New York, June 8, 1829. He departed this life April 25, 1902, at the home of his son, Rev. Elmer Leisenring, in Waldron, Michigan. He united with the Michigan conference in 1873. Rev. P. E. Vincent officiated at the funeral, using as a text 2 Cor. 5:1.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

SPRING ARBOR, DETROIT, MONROE, COLDWATER AND KALAMAZOO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conf'rence Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference.	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT																		
Spring Arbor.....	L. H. Mulholland, Dist. Elder	77	14	91	2	1	1	9	75	18	\$22.20	\$13.32	\$11.10	\$7.40	\$11.10	\$36.09	\$35.91	
Jackson.....	D. S. Warner	25	25	25	1	1	8	35	6	8.58	4.68	3.90	3.90	2.60	2.92	.....	5.75
Parma.....	C. D. Paige	10	2	12	1	1	1	1	1	2.68	1.26	1.60	1.05	1.70	1.05	.....	.....
Hudson, Woodstock and Jefferson.....	John Timbers, supply	24	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	6.60	3.96	3.30	3.30	2.20	3.30	.....	.....
DETROIT DISTRICT																		
Detroit.....	S. B. Smith	57	12	69	1	1	7	65	7	12.60	7.55	6.30	6.30	4.20	6.30	93.38	.....
New Boston, Texas and Sand Hill.....	L. H. Mulholland, Dist. Elder	23	1	24	1	2	12	40	8	10.50	6.30	3.00	2.00	2.00	5.35	3.08	.....
Waltz, Carlton, Sumpter, Ypsilanti.....	F. L. Baker	39	4	43	1	1	6	30	7	12.30	7.38	5.15	5.15	3.10	6.75	.....	.....
MONROE DISTRICT																		
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford.....	W. S. McDivitt	34	1	35	1	1	2	30	150	10	10.50	6.30	5.25	3.50	5.25	5.65	.....
Blissfield, Petersburg and Town Line.....	L. H. Mulholland, Dist. Elder	35	35	1	1	1	8	30	16	11.70	7.20	6.25	6.25	3.90	5.85	5.20	.....
Milan and Rasinville.....	G. H. Peters	84	16	100	4	2	21	130	14	22.00	13.50	11.25	11.25	7.50	11.25	.....	15.00
Rdgeway, Holloway and Wellsville.....	John R. Poet	40	1	41	2	2	13	60	8	12.00	7.20	6.00	6.00	2.65	7.00	.....	10.00
Adrian and Madison.....	J. B. Robinette, supply	49	1	50	1	1	6	30	1	14.70	8.82	7.35	7.35	4.90	7.35	.....	.....
Jasper and Deming's Lake.....	G. C. Dean, supply	20	2	22	1	1	5	20	4	6.30	3.78	3.15	3.15	2.10	3.15	.....	.....
COLDWATER DISTRICT																		
Dorrance, Coldwater, Bethel, Algonsee.....	W. C. Muffitt, District Elder	74	12	86	1	3	23	107	7	20.40	12.24	9.05	6.80	10.20	10.20	.....	.....
Hillsdale, Frontier and Ransom.....	R. L. Scamehorn	64	1	65	3	2	10	60	10	18.90	11.34	9.45	9.45	6.30	9.45	.....	.....
Sherwood and Colon.....	F. E. Vincent	28	2	30	1	1	8	35	7	8.40	5.04	4.20	4.20	2.20	4.20	50	4.00	
Leckford.....	I. L. King	38	3	41	1	1	9	25	10	7.50	4.60	3.75	3.75	2.50	3.75	.....	.....
Athens, Union City and Battle Creek.....	D. J. Van Antwerp, A. V. sup	40	4	44	1	1	12	89	5	15.00	9.00	7.50	7.50	5.00	7.50	26.16	32.49	
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT																		
Kalamazoo.....	W. C. Muffitt, District Elder	33	33	1	1	1	6	40	4	10.50	6.30	3.50	3.50	2.00	5.25	.....	.....
South Haven.....	James Craig	27	1	28	1	1	5	20	3	9.30	5.84	4.00	4.00	2.48	4.65	.....	1.75
Lawrence and Hartford.....	C. W. Miller	31	3	34	1	1	4	20	3	9.30	5.84	4.00	4.00	2.48	4.65	.....	.....
Decatur and Keeler.....	G. W. C. Smith	45	5	50	1	1	3	21	90	14	15.60	9.36	7.80	7.80	1.80	7.80	3.00	
Watervliet, Fish school-house, Hager.....	J. N. Boyer	20	7	27	1	1	21	90	14	15.60	9.36	7.80	7.80	1.80	7.80	.....	.....
Bainbridge, Pipestone, Royalton, etc.....	J. Boone	40	7	47	1	1	21	90	14	15.60	9.36	7.80	7.80	1.80	7.80	.....	.....
Total.....		917	85	1002	48	7.31	223	1131	168	\$275.56	\$164.70	\$124.05	\$124.85	\$84.90	\$136.22	\$170.05	\$37.90	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT											
Spring Arbor.....	\$1 25	\$1 25	\$ 35 11	.....	\$ 300 00	\$ 23 55	\$ 24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	14 00	.....	303 65	28 00	.....	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1500
Parma	86 29	20 45	.....	1	350	.....	.....
Hudson, Woodstock and Jefferson	\$ 30	195 21	24 10	.....	2	1500	1	600
DETROIT DISTRICT											
Detroit.....	53 60	2 50	834 36	58 28	27 66	1	3500	1	2500
New Boston, Texas and Sand Hill	18 00	.....	360 00	33 19	.....	2	1750	1	400
Waltz, Carlton, Sumpter, Ypsilanti	12 00	2 10	274 59	62 80	3 00	2	1600	1	300
MONROE DISTRICT											
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford...	61 01	..	422 84	56 80	.....	3	2500	1	800
Blissfield, Petersburg, Town Line	13 06	25	411 33	41 51	8 17	4	2600	1	750
Milan and Rasinville.....	58 45	.....	555 00	50 64	35 00	4	2500	1	1000
Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsville..	38 23	.....	283 45	41 62	.....	3	2800	1	600
Adrian and Madison	26 00	.....	541 40	39 32	11 00	2	3000	1	1500
Jasper and Deming's Lake.....	15 17	.....	256 95	27 07	1 50	1	800	1	800
COLDWATER DISTRICT											
Dorrance, Coldwater, Bethel, etc..	52 97	.....	462 48	78 76	.....	4	3200	1	500
Hillsdale, Frontier and Ransom...	25 00	.....	394 69	51 70	.....	2	2000	1	800
Sherwood and Colon.....	12 92	.....	342 35	27 65	.....	2	1300	1	800
Eckford	1	500	.....	.....
Athens, Union City, Battle Creek.	4 00	25	370 55	46 50	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT											
Kalamazoo	57 93	..	455 04	48 09	.....	1	1600	1	600
South Haven	25	277 10	47 57	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Lawrence and Hartford	42	14 07	10	300 00	36 33	8 00	2	1400	1	700
Decatur and Keeler	9 21	.....	244 72	23 29	6 00	1	1000	.....	.....
Watervliet, Fish S H. and Hager	376 00	40 00	.....	2	1600	1	400
Bainbridge, Pipestone, Rayalton, etc	122 28	28 81	.....	3	1700	.....	.....
Total.....	\$1 25	\$1 67	\$520 73	\$5 75	\$8170 20	\$999 02	\$131 33	47	\$ 41200	16	\$15500

GENESEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-third Annual Session, held in Jamestown, New York,
September 10-13, 1902

OFFICERS

W. A. SELLEW, President.

W. MANNING, Secretary. W. W. MANNING, THOMAS SULLY, Assistant Secretaries

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, J. S. Bradbrook, J. K. Wilson, J. Robinson.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

On Education—E. A. Taylor, W. W. Manning, Mary M. Robinson.

On Sunday-schools—W. T. Wees, N. B. Martin, D. S. Damon, Rhoda Hunt, Sarah Tuxford.

On Church Literature—F. F. Shoup, W. W. Browne, Helen Reynolds.

On Sabbath Observance—G. D. Mark, H. W. Rowley, A. McCoy.

On Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic—J. S. Bradbrook, B. W. Burritt, L. M. Conger, Maud Moore, Samuel Hatch.

On Conference Claimants' Fund—M. W. Fuller, J. K. Wilson.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—L. K. Manning, B. L. Perkins.

On General and Foreign Missions—J. J. Thompson, G. B. Bancroft.

On General Superintendents' Salary—J. F. Franklin, Morgan Whipple.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. H. Harmon, G. S. Chamberlain, L. Barmore, W. W. Warner.

On Railroad Reduction—J. S. Bradbrook.

On Ministerial Relations—J. H. Harmon, E. A. Taylor, C. W. Bacon, M. C. Burritt, J. K. Wilson, D. S. Damon.

On Memoirs—Levi Wood, C. D. Brooks, J. Robinson.

On the State of the Work—The district elders.

On Delegates' Expenses to General Conference—O. C. Blowers, D. W. Steele.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wheeler, W. W. Manning, F. F. Shoup.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. W. Browne, president; C. C. Eggleston, secretary; L. D. Perkins, treasurer;
J. H. Harmon, M. C. Burritt.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Levi Wood,
M. E. Brown,
A. A. Burgess,
A. H. Bennett,
W. W. Browne,
G. D. Mark,
A. C. Leonard,
G. M. Allen,

C. D. Brooks,
I. C. White,
C. C. Eggleston,
R. S. Phillips,
L. D. Perkins,
E. A. Taylor,
W. W. Manning,
O. C. Blowers,

H. Hornsby,
T. B. Catton,
S. K. J. Chesbro,
J. H. Harmon,
W. Jones,
T. S. Slocum,
C. W. Bacon,
L. Barmore,

W. Manning,
J. Robinson,
W. T. Hogue,
W. B. Pattridge,
J. O'Regan,
R. Worthington,
J. J. Thompson,
E. C. Best,

PREACHERS—Continued

B. H. Roberts,	N. Palmer,	J. F. Franklin,	B. Winget,
J. H. Wheeler,	N. B. Martin,	G. S. Chamberlain,	H. W. Rowley,
J. S. Bradbrook,	C. W. Thurber,	W. T. Wees,	D. W. Steele,
W. W. Warner,	G. W. Coleman,	M. W. Fuller,	G. B. Altoft,
F. F. Shoup,	H. L. Miner,	J. P. Irving,	J. A. Prosser,
L. K. Manning,	G. B. Tingle,	L. F. Clarke,	H. A. Blowers.

DELEGATES

B. W. Burritt,	M. C. Burritt,	Alonzo Smith,	B. L. Perkins,
W. Spaulding,	J. D. Handley,	Rhoda Hunt,	Otis H. Frederick,
George B. Bancroft,	John A. King,	John A. Craine,	Mrs. T. Clothier,
Laura Draper,	James L. Elliott,	Maud Moore,	Mary M. Robinson,
George Lowe,	D. Wilson,	C. M. Goodman,	C. Wetheral,
D. E. Cornwell,	Helen Reynolds,	Morgan Whipple,	Albert J. Pratt,
T. Hooper,	E. Armstrong,	D. S. Damon,	L. M. Conger,
Allen Baldwin,	Shelden Webster,	Sarah Tuxford,	A. McCoy,
C. W. Ingersol,	Levi Luce,	Samuel Hatch,	J. K. Wilson.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, A. H. Bennett, N. B. Martin, F. F. Shoup, C. W. Bacon, G. D. Mark, M. C. Burritt, G. B. Bancroft, J. A. Craine, D. S. Damon, J. K. Wilson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Burton F. Hitchcock.

4. Who remain on trial? E. C. Reber.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? L. K. Manning, G. B. Tingle, L. F. Clark, H. A. Blowers.

6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Altoft, *L. K. Manning, *G. B. Tingle, *L. F. Clark, *H. A. Blowers.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? M. W. Fuller, J. J. Thompson.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. D. Brooks, E. C. Best, Levi Wood, J. O'Regan, A. A. Burgess, J. S. Bradbrook, W. W. Manning, W. W. Warner.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? W. Jones, I. C. White, T. B. Catton, H. Hornsby, R. S. Phillips, M. E. Brown.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with view to transfer? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? A. C. Leonard, Randolph Worthington, William B. Pattridge.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? See report on conference claimants and claims.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Niagara Falls, N. Y., to commence September 16, 1903, at 2 p. m., or as near that time as the general superintendents can arrange for.

* Ordained this year.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-third annual session of the conference was held in Jamestown, New York, September 10-13, 1902. General Superintendent W. A. Sellw presided. There were six sittings of the conference.

Rev. Dr. Smalley, pastor of the Congregational church of Jamestown, Revs. J. E. Tiffany and George Skinner from the Susquehanna conference, Revs. T. S. Simpson and C. H. Reed from the Pittsburg conference; Rev. D. H. Dennison, pastor of the Baptist Bethel Mission church, of Jamestown, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

H. Hornsby, J. Barnhart, A. McCoy, J. K. Wilson, G. M. Booth were elected trustees of the Orphanage and Home of Gerry, New York. Thomas Sully was elected conference treasurer.

A. K. Bacon, A. H. Bennett, J. Robinson, C. C. Eggleston, D. S. Damon were elected conference board of trustees; A. K. Bacon, president and treasurer, and A. H. Bennett secretary of the board.

The members of the board of Church Extension and Aid Society were re-elected. The officers of the board the same as last year.

Revs. W. T. Hogue, A. H. Bennett, S. K. J. Chesbro, were elected ministerial delegates, and Revs. J. H. Harmon, and C. W. Bacon, ministerial reserve delegates to the general conference. Lay delegates elected were M. C. Burritt, J. K. Wilson, Thomas Sully. Reserve lay delegates, C. English, A. K. Bacon.

Monies were raised at conference for various purposes as follows: To help meet an indebtedness on the parsonage property at Jamestown, \$76.95. In favor of the Orphanage and Home of Gerry, in cash and pledges, \$782.76. Sabbath afternoon free-will offering in W. F. M. S. missionary service, \$15.43. Sabbath evening \$13.35 for the pastor, Rev. J. H. Wheeler, as a token of appreciation for the manner in which he took care of the conference. A vote of thanks in a very practical and substantial form was tendered to Rev. W. Manning (\$12.36) as an expression of the appreciation of the conference for the years of faithful service rendered as its secretary.

The sum of \$623.36, the proceeds of the sale of the Dunkirk church property, was equally divided between the A. M. Chesbrough seminary at North Chili and the Orphanage and Home of Gerry, N. Y.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Genesee conference are in full accord with the efforts being made by our Sunday-school secretary, Rev. W. B. Olmstead, as regards the Home Department work in the Sunday-school, and that we pledge ourselves to the support of the same.

The Sunday services were as follows: Love-feast at 9 o'clock a. m. conducted by Rev. A. H. Bennett. At 11 o'clock Superintendent Sellw preached a very interesting discourse, at the close of which L. K. Manning, G. B. Tingle, L. F. Clark, H. A. Blowers were ordained deacons. In the afternoon the W. F. M. S. held a meeting of interest in behalf of the work of foreign missions. In the evening preaching by Rev. F. F. Shoup and an after service led by Rev. J. S. Bradbrook closed the day at the Free Methodist church. Several pulpits of the different denominations in the city were filled by members of the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

GENESEE DISTRICT—J. H. HARMON, District Elder.

Rochester.....	J. H. Harmon, 71 Richmond Park, Rochester, New York
Parma.....	W. W. Browne, Parma Center, Monroe county, "
Chili.....	Charles Pike, supply, West Greece, " "
Brockport and Hulberton.....	To be supplied
Sweden.....	Noah Palmer, Sweden, Monroe county, New York
Kendall.....	William Manning, West Kendall, Orleans " "

Albion.....A. H. Bennett, Albion, Orleans county, New York
Gaines and Kenyonville..... To be supplied

S. K. J. Chesbro, agent F. M. Publishing House, 14 N. May St., Chicago, Ill.; B. Winget, missionary secretary, 14 N. May St., Chicago, Ill.; B. H. Roberts, principal A. M. Cheshbrough Seminary, North Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y.; H. Hornsby, superannuated, West Kendall, Orleans county, N. Y.; R. S. Phillips, superannuated, Brockport, Monroe county, N. Y.; C. D. Brooks, supernumerary, Geneva, N. Y.; W. W. Warner, supernumerary, North Chili, Monroe county, N. Y.; J. J. Thompson, granted a certificate of location, Albion, Monroe county, N. Y.

WYOMING DISTRICT—L. BARMORE, District Elder.

Perry.....W. T. Wees, Perry, Wyoming county, New York
Batavia.....William Newkirk, supply, Batavia, Genesee ..
Alexander, Bethany and Greigsville.....Philo Miner, supply
Johnsonburg and Union Corners, G. B. Tingle, Johnsonburg, Wyoming county, New York
Gainesville and Wethersfield Springs.....L. Barmore
Le Roy..... To be supplied

G. W. Coleman, general superintendent, Gainesville, Wyoming Co., N. Y.; M. E. Brown, superannuated, Box 315, Warsaw, Wyoming Co., N. Y.; T. B. Catton, superannuated, Perry, Wyoming Co., N. Y.

BUFFALO DISTRICT—F. F. SHoup, District Elder.

Buffalo (Virginia Street).....C. W. Bacon, 75 Tenth St., Buffalo, New York
" (Potomac Avenue).....G. S. Chamberlain, 177 Potomac Ave., ..
" (Marion Avenue and South Buffalo).....J. Robinson
Akron.....E. C. Reber, Akron, Erie county, New York
Lockport.....L. K. Manning, 35 Park Ave., Lockport, ..
Pendleton and Shawnee.....B. F. Hitchcock, Pendleton, Niagara county, ..
Newfane and Wilson.....J. F. Franklin, Newfane, ..
Ransomville.....O. C. Blowers, Ransomville, ..
Tonawanda.....H. L. Miner, Tonawanda, ..
Niagara Falls and Aluminum Park, J. P. Irving, Niagara Falls, ..

W. T. Hogue, editor of the *Free Methodist*, 14 N. May St., Chicago, Ill.; A. A. Burgess, supernumerary, 196 Fifteenth St., Buffalo, N. Y.; J. S. Bradbrook, supernumerary, 36 Germania St., Buffalo, N. Y.; J. O'Regan, supernumerary, Vermont St., Buffalo, N. Y.; M. W. Fuller, granted a certificate of location at his request, Akron, Erie Co., N. Y.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—E. A. TAYLOR, District Elder.

Allegheny and Dutch Hill.....G. B. Altoft, Allegheny, Catt. county, New York
Belmont and Ford's Brook.....D. W. Steele, Belmont, Allegheny ..
Bolivar and Petrolia.....M. E. Ellis, supply, Bolivar, ..
Cattaraugus, New Albion and Little Valley.....
.....T. S. Slocum, Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus ..
East Otto, Ashford and Springville, L. F. Clark, East Otto, ..
Colden and West Falls..... To be supplied
Elton and Yorkshire.....H. A. Blowers, Elton, Cattaraugus county, New York
Franklinville.....C. C. Eggleston, Franklinville, ..
Rushford and Rockville.....N. B. Martin, Rushford, Allegheny ..
Collins Center and Marshfield.....H. W. Rowley, Collins Center, Erie ..
Gowanda and North Collins.....G. M. Allen, Gowanda, Cattaraugus ..
Wales and Town Line.....C. M. Goodman, supply, Wales, Erie ..

L. Wood, supernumerary, 92 Boylston St., Bradford, Pa.; William Jones, superannuated, Gowanda, Catt. Co., N. Y.; W. W. Manning, supernumerary, Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.; J. A. Prosser, supernumerary, Morganston, Ont., Canada, North D. Co.

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT—G. D. MARK, District Elder.

Forestville and Fredonia.....T. S. Simpson, supply, Forestville, Chautauqua county, New York
Salamanca, Great Valley and Red House.....
.....N. L. Goodenough, supply, Salamanca, Cattaraugus ..
South Dayton, Leon and Cherry Creek.....
.....C. L. Silvernail, supply, South Dayton, Cattaraugus ..
East Randolph and Ellington, C. W. Thurber, East Randolph, Cattaraugus ..
Jamestown.....J. H. Wheeler, 511 E. Seventh St., Jamestown, New York
Gerry.....G. D. Mark, Gerry, ..

L. D. Perkins, manager Orphanage and Home, Gerry, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; I. C.

White, superannuated, Forestville, Chaut. Co., N. Y.; E. C. Best, supernumerary, Fredonia, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

A. K. Bacon	Albion, Orleans county, New York		
G. W. Worthington	Clarkson, Monroe	"	"
M. C. Burritt	Chili Station,	"	"
Mrs. E. S. Roberts	North Chili,	"	"
B. Scull	North Chili,	"	"
Miss A. P. Carpenter	North Chili,	"	"
Mrs. L. F. Manning	West Kendall, Orleans	"	"
M. G. Cottrill	269 Bird avenue, Buffalo,	"	"
H. G. Booth	227 Potomac avenue,	"	"
John Lowe	681 Hopkins street,	"	"
S. Witmer	1024 Grove avenue, Niagara Falls,	"	"
R. E. Bigelow	Wilson, Niagara county,	"	"
Mrs. Flora Goodenough	Salamanca, Cattaraugus	"	"
Arthur Eaden	East Aurora, Erie	"	"
M. H. Boyd	Wadsworth, Livingston	"	"
Gilbert Bullard	Gaines, Orleans	"	"
Frank Ballard	Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus	"	"
Mrs. O. T. Steele	East Otto,	"	"
C. Wiltse	Allegany,	"	"
W. H. Monroe	Allegany,	"	"
John G. Tuxford	Gowanda,	"	"
J. L. Turner	Smethport, Pennsylvania		
Mrs. R. A. Best	113 Seymour St. Fredonia, Chautauqua county, New York		
Mrs. Lizzie M. Perkins	Gerry,	"	"
W. P. Carpenter	214 Washington St., Jamestown,	"	"
W. W. Jones	Bolivar, Allegany county,	"	"
Edson L. Worbois	Hilton, Monroe county,	"	"
Mrs. L. J. W. Coleman	Gainesville, Wyoming county,	"	"

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.—Amount assessed, \$223.80.

Received by receipts, \$8.40; by cash from circuits, \$205.44; deficit, \$9.96. Total, \$223.80. The deficit was ordered to be raised from the circuits which were deficient in bringing up their apportionment.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Amount assessed, \$223.80.

Amount by cash, \$133.54; amount by receipts, \$67.50; deficit, \$22.76. Total, \$223.80.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—By cash, \$26.62. By receipts, \$67.50. Total, \$63.27.

The most of the missionary collections have been sent through the W. F. M. S.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Amount raised on Buffalo district, \$436.06; Genesee district, \$278.92; Allegany district, \$157.67; Wyoming district, \$37.05; Chautauqua district, \$114.37; collection on the Sabbath at conference, \$15.43. Total for the year, \$1039.50.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Amount ordered to be raised (20 cents per member), \$306.40.

Amount raised, \$286.94; deficit, \$19.46. Total, \$306.40.

Disbursements, appropriated last year: Paid to Pendleton circuit, \$25; Batavia, etc., circuit, \$40; Ellington, etc., circuit, \$25; Franklinville circuit, \$25; Salamanca, etc., circuit, \$25; Gaines, etc., circuit, \$25; South Dayton, etc., circuit, \$15; Collins Center, etc., circuit, \$25; Newfane, circuit, \$25; Brockport, etc., circuit, \$25. Total, \$255.

Balance unappropriated, \$31.94. Paid on last year's deficiencies, \$22.08; paid by vote of conference to Marion Ave., \$9.86. Total, \$31.94.

The committee recommended that 20 cents per member be raised, and made the following appropriations for the coming year: Gaines and Kenyonville, \$25; Brockport and Hulberton (conditional), \$25; Alexander, Bethany and Greigsville, \$50; Newfane and Wilson, \$25; district work, \$25; (new work): Wales and Town Line, \$10; Collins Center and Marshfield, \$10; Franklinville, \$25; Bolivar and Petroia, \$15; East Randolph and Ellington, \$25; Salamanca, Great Valley and Red House, \$25. Total, \$260.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—By cash and receipts, \$7.25.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—By cash and receipts, \$19.29.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Amount raised, \$110.44.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CLAIM.—Apportionment, \$268.56.

By cash and receipts, \$263.64; deficit, \$4.92. Total, \$268.56.

The deficit was ordered to be met by a collection to be taken on Sabbath morning.

CONFERENCE CLAIMS.—Amount of claims, \$1010.

By cash and receipts, \$351.86; received from treasurer, \$647.20; deficit, \$10.94.

Total, \$1010. The deficit was ordered paid from money in the hands of the treasurer of board of conference trustees accruing from the interest on the Stevens-Sperry legacies.

Disbursements: Paid to I. C. White, \$150; Wm. Jones, 150; R. S. Phillips, \$140; M. E. Brown, \$150; Mrs. M. E. McAlpine, \$110; Jennie G. Chesbro, \$45; Marcia Southworth, \$80; Ruth E. Bacon, \$150; R. Worthington, \$35. Total, \$1010.

Amount necessary for the coming year, \$975. William Jones, \$150; I. C. White, \$150; R. S. Phillips, \$140; M. E. Brown, \$150; Mrs. M. E. McAlpine, \$110; Mrs. Jennie G. Chesbro, \$45; Mrs. Marcia Southworth, \$80; Mrs. Ruth E. Bacon, \$150. Total, \$975.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.—General Conference Fund, balance on hand September, 1901, \$26.88; interest, 80 cents. Total, \$27.68. General Superintendents' Fund, balance on hand September, 1901, \$1.34; interest, 4 cents. Total, \$1.38. Conference Claimants' Fund, on hand September, 1901, \$1.67; interest, 5 cents. Total, \$1.72.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—Principal on hand at date of last report: Sperry legacy, \$1000; Le Roy church fund, \$71.45. Total, \$1071.45.

Interest on hand at that date, \$223.39; received since on Sperry legacy, \$40.20;

Le Roy church fund, \$3.55; received on the Stevens legacy, \$50. Total, \$317.14.

Total payments per vote of last conference, \$131; total interest on hand, \$186.14.

Interest paid per vote of last conference, Sept. 7, 1951: To Mrs. Southworth, \$20;

R. S. Phillips, \$75; Mrs. Jennie Chesbro, \$35; Sept. 4, 1902, expense to Rochester, \$1. Total paid, \$131.

Sperry legacy at present time is invested as follows: Monroe County Savings Bank, \$750; Mechanic's Savings Bank of Rochester, \$250, drawing 4 per cent. interest; Le Roy church fund, treasurer's note, \$71.45. Total, \$1071.45.

Interest on hand September 9, 1902, \$186.14.

The treasurer would further report that the trustees have sold the Dunkirk church property during the year for seven hundred dollars (\$700, and that all the expenses connected with said sale were seventy-six dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$76.69), leaving a balance of six hundred twenty-three dollars and thirty-six cents (\$623.36), which is deposited in the Rochester City Savings Bank, subject to the action of the conference.

A. K. BACON, Treasurer.

By vote of the conference the foregoing sum of \$623.36 was divided in two equal parts, and the Orphanage and Home of Gerry, N. Y., and the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary of North Chili, N. Y., were made the beneficiaries of the same.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. RANDOLPH WORTHINGTON was born in Cherry Creek, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., July 26, 1834, and fell asleep in Jesus at his home in Jamestown, N. Y., November 26, 1901. He experienced religion when about 28 years old, and ever after honored his Master by a well-ordered life and godly conversation. He was admitted on trial in the Genesee conference in 1883. He was taken in full connection in 1885 and ordained a deacon, and was ordained an elder in 1888. For a few years he served faithfully and with exceptional ability and usefulness on different charges in the conference; then his health failed and he sustained a superannuated relation for a number of years, but was evangelist a part of the time when his health was sufficient to warrant it. Brother Worthington was an old-time Methodist, ever guarding jealously the ancient landmarks which the fathers had set. He loved the pure principles of a pure and undefiled religion, and could not bear anything that looked like a compromise or a departure from first principles. He was a fair preacher, a flaming exhorter, and ever had the fires of the sanctuary burning in his soul. He might truthfully have said, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." In July, 1886, while pastor at West Salamanca, New York, after laboring very hard in connection with a camp-meeting on the Chautauqua district, he was stricken with pneumonia. Months of suffering followed, during which his life was despaired of. Through the untiring devotion and care of his wife he slowly recovered, but his nervous system never fully rallied from the shock, and he was subject to serious nervous and heart trouble ever afterward. The end came suddenly. A few hours before his death he seemed as well as usual. His heavy breathing aroused his wife at four o'clock in the morning. She found him unconscious, and at half

past five his spirit took its flight. His battles are ended, and they were many; the final victory is won. He left no dying testimony, but he lived for God. God honored him and blessed him while he lived. He has taken him to himself. We shall see him again "when the mists are cleared away."

REV. ALEXANDER C. LEONARD was born in Enniskillen, Ireland, October 23, 1830. When ten years of age, with his parents he emigrated to Brantford, Ontario, where he resided until about 21 years of age, when he moved to Grand Island, Niagara Co., N. Y. He was converted through the agency of the Primitive Methodists while living in Canada, and was by them licensed to hold religious services. While living in Grand Island he heard of a spiritual people who were in earnest in the service of the Lord; (this was a little before the time of the organization of our church) and being desirous of becoming acquainted with them he visited the pilgrim band at Tonawanda, N. Y., and, in the absence of the pastor, he preached the evening after his arrival. And about this time, or shortly after, he became fully identified with this peculiar people and became one of us with his whole heart and soul. It was at Tonawanda that he first met and became acquainted with Miss Mary H. Long, who soon became his lifelong partner in the toils and joys of the service of the Lord, and who survives him. May she have the sustaining grace of him who once said to disconsolate Israel, "Thy Maker is thy husband." It was from this point also that he was appointed by the late senior general superintendent, B. T. Roberts, to serve on the Rushford charge as the assistant of Rev. J. W. Reddy of precious memory. From this time on during the earlier years of the history of our church he was appointed to serve various charges and societies as occasion required, and having become a member of our annual conference, he remained a well-loved member of the same until called to the church triumphant on the fifth day of June, 1902. His disease was creeping paralysis, which rendered him unable to communicate with friends for some considerable time previous to his death. He was a man of an ardent temperament, very earnest as a preacher, and whose exhortations were at times sublimely eloquent. We mourn his departure, but hope to meet him again in that blissful clime where a final parting never comes.

REV. W. B. PATTRIDGE died at his home in Peoria, N. Y., August 22, 1902. In 1872 he was appointed as a supply on the Akron and Alden circuit. In 1873 he was appointed in the same way to the Porter and Wilson charge. In 1874 he was admitted on trial and returned to Porter and Wilson circuit; 1875, Akron and Alden; 1876, Batavia; 1877, Sweden and Brockport; 1878, Tonawanda; in 1879 he was admitted into full connection, ordained deacon, and returned to Tonawanda; 1881-2, Bethany and Batavia; 1884, Gainesville, etc.; 1885, Tonawanda; 1886, Tonawanda and Suspension Bridge. He was left without an appointment in 1883 at his own request, also in 1887, '88, '89, '90, '91, '92. In 1893 he was appointed to Greigsville; '94, Alexander, Bethany and Batavia; again left without appointment '95, '96, '97, '98; in 1899 appointed to Greigsville; and in 1900 and in 1901 again left without appointment. The condition of his wife—a confirmed invalid, was doubtless the cause of his requesting to be left without an appointment for at least some of these years. Brother Pattridge was a noble man of God, firmly rooted and grounded in all the principles of our holy religion, a good preacher and useful in his day and generation. He was a firm Free Methodist, dyed in the wool, and nothing seemed to afflict him more than to see any departure from our early principles. "Our fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever? We shall go to them, but they will not return to us." The Lord help us to imitate their virtues and follow them to heaven.

III.—ON PROHIBITION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The most gigantic evil in our country at the present time is, without any doubt whatever, the organized and legalized liquor traffic. All other evils that o'er-shadow our fair land and are a blot upon our civilization may be traced to this one great evil as the foundation of their existence. Were the traffic in intoxicants to be banished from our country we could very easily deal with all other reform questions of the day. We believe that the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without sin. Furthermore, as both the Republican and Democratic parties are pledged to the support of this great evil, therefore to vote with either of these parties is plainly a vote for sin. We thank God that we have in this country a party that is pledged to do away with this great evil. We refer to the Prohibition party. Every loyal Free Methodist should and will give this party his hearty support in every way, and especially by his vote. A vote for right is never lost. God counts it every time.

"For right is right, since God is God;
And right the day must win,
To doubt would be disloyalty;
To falter would be sin."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

ALLEGANY AND CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claims	General Superintendents' Claims	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claims	Woman's Foreign Societies		
ALLEGANY DISTRICT										C. W. Bacon, District Elder																			
Allegany and Dutch Hill	47	6	53	1	1	1	9	30	15	\$ 14 40	\$ 8 64	\$ 9 60	\$ 7 20	\$ 4 80	\$ 7 20	\$ 3 14	\$ 8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belmont and Wellsville	21	8	29	1	1	1	9	16	10	6 40	3 80	4 20	3 10	90	1 35	1 35	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bolivar and Petro la	9	2	11	1	1	1	5	20	3	2 70	1 62	1 80	1 35	90	1 35	1 35	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cattaraugus, New Albion Little Valley	43	5	48	1	1	1	8	38	10	13 50	8 10	8 07	5 59	4 50	6 75	6 75	6 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Otto, Ashford and Springville	47	10	57	1	1	1	14	100	12	13 50	8 10	8 07	5 59	4 50	6 75	6 75	6 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Golden and West Falls	14	14	1	1	1	1	8	40	6	2 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	1 43	1 43	1 43	1 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elton and Yorkshre	44	3	47	1	1	1	11	38	6	13 80	8 28	9 20	6 90	1 65	6 90	6 90	6 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklinville	28	4	32	1	1	1	5	25	7	18 40	5 04	5 60	3 20	1 00	4 20	4 20	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rushford and Rockville	64	7	71	1	1	1	11	43	20	18 30	10 98	12 20	9 15	6 10	9 15	9 15	9 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Collins Center and Marshfield	29	4	33	1	1	1	13	50	6	18 70	5 22	5 80	4 35	2 90	4 35	4 35	4 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lawrence and North Collins	27	5	30	1	1	1	11	50	8	10 86	3 58	6 20	4 63	2 25	4 63	4 63	4 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wales and Town Line	25	..	25	1	1	1	8	28	8	7 50	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	3 75	3 75	3 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT										G. D. Mark, District Elder																			
Forestville and Fredonia	48	5	53	1	1	1	13	70	12	15 00	9 00	10 00	7 50	5 00	7 50	7 50	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salamanca, Great Valley, Red House	23	1	24	1	1	1	2	12	3	6 90	5 25	5 25	2 10	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek	36	4	40	1	1	1	8	30	10	9 40	5 76	6 40	4 80	2 80	4 80	4 80	4 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellington and East Randolph	44	3	47	1	1	1	6	30	13	11 10	6 66	7 40	5 55	3 70	5 55	5 55	5 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamestown	54	8	62	1	1	1	10	67	18	16 50	10 08	11 00	8 25	4 00	8 25	8 25	8 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gerry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	1469	161	1630	24	9	55	434	2152	352	\$436 06	\$251 34	\$280 99	\$198 42	\$117 29	\$215 62	\$215 62	\$215 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Pendleton sent to India \$3.61, Parma and Chili. Ameri an Bible Society, \$5 00, India Orphan Fund, \$6 00, Olive Branch Mission, \$8 00. Albion raised for Ilome Missions, \$47 13. Gaines and Kenyonville, for Olive Branch Mission, \$10 00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
GENESEE DISTRICT											
Rochester	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 89	\$ 40 24		\$ 775 00		\$ 36 84	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 6000
Parma and Chili			76 00		800 00			5	10000	2	2500
Rockport and Hulberton					13 09			2	3000		
Sweden			18 20		242 45	\$ 7 74		1	1500	1	750
Kendall		3 25	52 00		475 00	23 70		2	3500	1	1500
Albion		2 56	38 91		600 00	11 45	4 77	1	8000	1	1400
Gaines and Kenyonville			22 72		248 00	16 26		2	800	1	400
WYOMING DISTRICT											
Perry			9 17		402 45						
Alexander, Bethany and Batavia			4 37		211 54	20 04	3 50	1	2000	1	1000
Johnsonburg and Union Corners			16 75		310 50	14 00	14 45	4	3500		
Gainesville, Wethersfield Springs			19 00		300 00	16 16		2	1600	1	500
Leroy								2	1800		
BUFFALO DISTRICT											
						38 13					
Buffalo (Virginia Street)		6 75	90 29		727 11	111 29		1	10000	1	3200
" (Potomac Avenue)		3 00	84 55		550 00	79 82		1	3100	1	2700
" (Marion Avenue)			43 15	\$ 1 00	310 56	33 76	5 95	1	1250		
Akron			23 82		364 73	30 20		1	2000	1	1500
Lockport		3 09	45 00		450 00	60 34	12 00	1	5000	1	1000
Pendleton			13 47			32 51	91 45				
Newfane			12 00		244 03	24 15		1	1400	1	1200
Ransonville			15 48		225 98	31 67		1	2000	1	700
Tonawanda			54 12		525 00	78 82		1	5000	1	2000
Niagara Falls			40 00		603 25	80 00		1	3000	1	1500
Wilson					43 34	12 25	29 25	1	800		
ALLEGANY DISTRICT											
Allegheny and Dutch Hill			11 05		335 00	30 00	3 00	2	3000	1	1000
Belmont and Wellsville			5 00		266 74	28 16	28 00	2	1500	1	800
Bolivar and Petrolia			5 96		250 90	24 97		1	1500	1	800
Cottaraugus, New Albion, Little V			18 00		295 85	32 00		2	2200		
East Otto, Ashford, Springville		1 00	30 00		342 22	32 55		1	1000	1	1000
Colden and West Falls						6 34		2	1500		
Elton and Yorkshire					303 00	40 34	13 00	2	1800	1	600
Franklinville			18 00		312 52	26 50		1	2000	1	1200
Rushford and Rockville	2 00	2 00	22 18	1 59	390 89	40 12		1	1000	1	500
Collins Center and Marshfield			29 00		260 80	32 00		2	1700	1	700
Gowanda and North Collins			19 37		317 30	32 36		2	3600	1	1200
Wales and Town Line			12 00		260 75	28 00	10 00	2	1500	1	500
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT											
Forestville			25 50		452 00		20 00	2	3300	1	800
Salamanca, Great Valley, Red H.					225 00	16 44		2	1600		
S. Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek			5 00		239 04	16 20		2	2000		
Ellington and East Randolph			10 00		266 67		15 00	1	1000		
Jamestown			23 63		412 66	3 85	8 98	1	2500	1	2000
Gerry			40 19		412 50	39 10		1	1500	1	800
Total	\$4 00	\$25 54	\$994 12	\$2 59	13729 87	\$1151 22	\$296 19 62	\$107450	30	\$39750	

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Macomb, Illinois,
September 10-13, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

A. L. CRUMLEY, Secretary.

J. F. DEREMIAH, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, W. D. Cochran, B. Y. Neal.

On Sabbath-schools—A. J. Smith, S. K. Wheatlake, C. H. Tiffin.

On Reforms—M. A. Cox, H. G. Ahlemeyer, J. E. Peck.

On State of the Work—B. F. Grigg, W. D. Cochran, C. A. Fleming.

On Publications—W. R. Bonham, W. T. Graham, J. H. Moss.

On Education—F. H. Ashcraft, A. J. Smith, W. T. Branson.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. L. McGiffin.

To Receive Money for General Conference Delegates' Expenses—D. W. Sala.

To Receive Church Extension Fund—R. W. Sanderson.

To Receive General Mission Fund—J. H. Flower.

To Receive Foreign Mission Fund—J. N. Vannattan.

To Receive Conference Mission Fund—W. R. Bonham.

To Receive Educational Fund—W. C. Kelley.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—C. P. Ewing.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—A. J. Smith.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. K. Wheatlake, F. H. Ashcraft, C. H. Tiffin.

On Memoirs—M. A. Cox, W. T. Graham, William Shuler.

On Claims and Claimants—B. R. Jones, C. A. Fleming, B. F. Grigg, J. H. Moss, W. T. Branson.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. A. Fleming, J. H. Moss, W. R. Bonham, F. H. Ashcraft, A. L. Crumley.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. C. Sills, for five years; W. T. Graham, president, for four years; J. H. Flower, for three years; F. H. Ashcraft, for two years; J. La Due, for one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

First quarter, Home Missions and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' and Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension and Educational Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—J. N. Vannattan. On Publications—F. H. Ashcraft.

On Reforms—M. A. Cox. On Education—J. H. Flower.

On State of the Work—C. A. Fleming.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

R. W. Sanderson,	O. A. Fleming.	J. H. Flower,	H. G. Ahlemeyer,
W. R. Bonham,	E. R. Banning,	J. La Due,	D. R. Taylor,
M. A. Cox,	B. Y. Neal,	J. F. Deremiah,	A. L. Crumley,
J. N. Vannattan,	W. Sherman,	J. Adams,	S. D. Barritt,
G. W. Hood,	W. D. Cochran	W. T. Graham,	B. F. Grigg,
F. H. Ashcraft,	M. H. Shephard,	B. C. Dewey,	D. Kimbro,
J. L. McGiffin,	W. C. Kelley,	A. J. Smith,	D. W. Sala,
J. C. Sills,	S. K. Wheatlake,	C. P. Ewing,	I. W. Maxey,
W. H. Lawson,	J. W. Sharpe.		

DELEGATES

W. T. Branson,	J. E. Peck,	Jasper N. Knowles,	W. E. Shuler,
D. A. Sherman,	Thomas Bailey,	F. A. Martin,	J. W. Hood,
John Goodrich,	Laura Scott,	C. H. Tiffin,	J. H. Moss,
Isaac Jones,	John Crum,	Marion Roll,	T. L. Boswell,
C. E. Burris,	A. Copeland,	H. C. Barritt,	Samuel White,
T. A. Smith,	J. W. Williford,	C. J. Turnbow.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, C. A. Fleming, B. F. Grigg, W. D. Cochran, J. H. Moss, W. T. Branson, Isaac Jones.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? M. E. Lude, B. C. Johnson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. P. Ewing, I. W. Maxey.
6. Who are the deacons? S. D. Barritt, B. C. Dewey, E. R. Banning, C. P. Ewing, I. W. Maxey.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? Masazi Kakahara.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? M. H. Shepard, J. Adams.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. H. Lawson, from the North Dakota conference; J. W. Sharpe, from the North Michigan conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year. Wiley Johnson, W. A. Dillon.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. W. Bruce, J. A. Manning.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? H. F. Ashcraft.
- 16-23. See statistical report.
24. See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Cowden, Illinois, as near the middle of September, 1903, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—C. A. FLEMING, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois.	
Greenville.....	W. R. Bonham, Greenville, Illinois
Woburn and Sorento.....	C. P. Ewing, Sorento, "
Vandalia.....	Ezra Whitton, supply, Vandalia. "
Dudleville and Millersburg.....	C. Turnbow, supply
Coffeen.....	J. C. Sills, Coffeen, Illinois
Keyesport.....	C. A. Stoll, supply, Keyesport, "
Dutch Hollow and Alma.....	J. L. McGiffin, Birkner, "

J. La Due, professor in Greenville College; Masaza Kakahara, located according to Discipline, paragraph 84; W. Sherman, left without appointment; J. H. Flower, J. W. Sharpe, D. Kimbro, evangelists; J. Adams, superannuated.

LITCHFIELD DISTRICT—C. A. FLEMING, District Elder.

Litchfield.....	I. W. Maxey, Litchfield, Illinois
Hettick.....	B. C. Johnson, Hettick, "
Raymond and Honey Bend.....	Lillie Taylor, supply, Raymond, "
Taylorville and Owaneco.....	D. W. Sala, Taylorville, "
Hillsboro and Irving.....	M. A. Cox, Hillsboro, "

COWDEN DISTRICT—B. F. GRIGG, District Elder, Cowden, Illinois.

Cowden and Bethany.....	S. K. Wheatlake, Cowden, Illinois
Shelbyville.....	Ella Smith, supply, Tower Hill, "
Sylvan and Stewardson.....	To be supplied
St. James and Laclede.....	H. G. Ahlemeyer, Laclede, Illinois
Lovington, Bethany and Decatur.....	M. E. Lude, Bethany, "
Tower Hill and Lakewood.....	A. J. Smith, Tower Hill, "
Pana, Ohlman and Roberts Chapel.....	J. N. Vannattan, Pana, "
Mt. Vernon and Home.....	X. Atchison, supply, Mt. Vernon, "
Bingham, Bethel and Ramsey.....	E. R. Banning
Ivesdale.....	To be supplied

B. C. Dewey, evangelist.

IPAVAL DISTRICT—W. D. COCHRAN, District Elder, Macomb, Illinois.

Ipava and Summum.....	G. W. Hood, Ipava, Illinois
Vermont and Ray.....	D. R. Taylor, Vermont, "
Antioch and Fairfield.....	W. T. Graham, Rushville, "
Colchester.....	R. W. Sanderson, Colchester, "
Macomb.....	W. H. Lawson, Macomb, "
Webster and Liberty.....	To be supplied
Carman, Lomax and Dallas City.....	W. C. Kelley, Dallas City, Illinois
Lewistown.....	J. F. Peremiah, Lewistown, "
Naples and Bluffs.....	S. D. Barritt, Colchester, "

A. L. Crumley, F. H. Ashcraft, B. Y. Neal, evangelists; M. H. Shephard, superannuated.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT—W. D. COCHRAN, District Elder.

Jacksonville.....	To be supplied
Athens and Kilbourne.....	H. A. Sperry, supply, Athens, Illinois
Hopedale and Big Grove.....	To be supplied
Forest City.....	Thomas Symons, supply, Forest City, Illinois
Mason City.....	W. Irwin, supply, Mason City, "

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Frank Upchurch.....	Eldorado, Illinois	L. E. Williams.....	Cowden, Illinois
M. Smith.....	Shelbyville, "	Calvin Turnbow.....	Bingham, "
Blanch Cook.....	Pana, "	Lillie Taylor.....	Pana, "
R. C. Nowlen.....	St. James, "	Rosa Sala.....	Taylorville, "
Jesse Reynolds.....	Laclede, "	Lulu Ewing.....	Sorento, "
Ella Smith.....	Tower Hill, "	E. L. McGeary.....	Greenville, "
B. B. Beshop.....	Clifton Springs, New York	Alberta Bonham.....	Cordell, Oklahoma
John Minor.....	Greenville, Illinois	Lou E. Fleming.....	Greenville, Illinois
Margurite Barnes.....	Greenville, "	Minnie Ashcraft.....	Greenville, "
Oarrie Flower.....	Greenville, "	D. C. Neisler.....	Coffeen, "
Minnie Barritt.....	Colchester, "	John Thompson.....	Macomb, "
T. Symons.....	Forest City, "	Mamie Douglas.....	Augusta, "
T. A. Smith.....	Hopedale, "	Joseph Barker.....	Green Valley, "
Samuel Dyer.....	Athens, "	Lila E. Hood.....	Ipava, "
J. M. Shuler.....	Owaneco, "	Oscar Burr.....	Dallas City, "
W. T. Duggar.....	Dallas City, "	T. L. Boswell.....	Mt. Vernon, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS.

We record with deep sorrow the death of our beloved brother, H. F. Ashcraft, who died November 3, 1901, four miles west of Rushville, Illinois. Brother Ashcraft joined the Central Illinois conference of the Free Methodist church in the fall of 1879, at its organization, being one of its charter members, and was faithful to the trust reposed in him. He traveled many circuits acceptably; did the work of an evangelist; was abundant in labors, preaching often with marked ability and the freedom of the Holy Ghost. God owned his labors in the salvation of souls, and many will rise up in the judgment and bless his name. We have been encouraged by his songs, prayers, zeal and his interest in and devotion to the cause that he espoused and loved so well, his zeal failing only as age and infirmities crept upon him. We will miss him, but bow in humble submission to the providence that called him from us and pray, O God, thy will be done. The remains of Brother Ashcraft were laid to rest in the cemetery at Greenville, Illinois. Our brother leaves a widow and two children, whom we commend to the grace of God and to the tender care, affection, love and sympathy of the members of this conference and the church at large. We request that a copy of this memoir be forwarded to the much-esteemed widow of our deceased brother.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
COWDEN DISTRICT											
Cowden and Bethany			\$ 50 00		\$ 480 00	\$ 73 50	\$ 10 00	2	\$ 1500	1	\$ 900
Rushville			27 88		167 50	26 00	13 25	1	1000		
Sylvan and Morca-in			12 00		41 00	23 55	14 41	1	700		
St. James and La Cade	\$10 50		35 00	\$ 30	400 00	67 62	25 28	2	1400	1	600
Livingston, Bethany and Decatur			10 00		232 00	32 00	12 00	2	1500		
Lower Hill and Lakewood	\$ 00		35 49		317 50	49 62	6 20	3	3000	1	600
Pana, Okman and Roberts Chapel			42 00		446 00	60 00	12 35	3	2500	1	600
Mt. Vernon and Home			5 87		175 00	31 53	5 70	2	2000		
Bingham, Bethel and Ramsey			8 24		162 00	34 75	21 00	1	1000		
Ivesdale						12 55					
Eldorado											
GREENVILLE DISTRICT											
Greenville			34 35		570 95	106 77		1	900		
Wheeler and Sorento			54 40		251 72	32 00	7 00	2	2400		
Vandalia			19 72		36 75	17 50	4 99	1	800		
Dudleyville and Pocatones											
Coffeen			45 41		322 00	40 00	41 70	1	800	1	500
Keyesport					25 00	9 33	4 00	1	400		
Smithboro											
Dutch Hollow and Alma			52 25		493 35	40 00	11 70	2	1500	1	500
LITCHFIELD DISTRICT											
Litchfield			19 24		300 00	32 00	50 00	1	1000	1	500
Herrick, Raymond, Honey Bend			12 27		36 72	27 33	30 64	3	2000		
Taylorville and Owensboro			24 00		377 45	50 11		3	3000	1	600
Hillsboro and Irving			31 75		450 45	50 00	15 00	2	2000	1	1000
IPAVA DISTRICT											
Ipava and Sumner					300 00	44 00	22 00	1	900	1	500
Vernon and Ray			25 73	1 27	385 43	46 50	18 31	2	2500	1	400
Antioch and Fairfield			35 00		314 50	68 70	12 35	2	2800	1	750
Cochester			21 75		430 45	65 55	10 00	2	3000	1	900
Marion			17 06		343 50	58 95	16 50	1	2000		
Wesley and Pleasant Grove			15 00		27 34	15 40		2	1400		
Carmen, Lomax and Dana City			30 00		322 52	41 15		1	1200		
Lewistown			28 55		546 74	51 55	100 45	3	2000	1	800
Naples and Blois			9 00		364 17	30 73	35 23	1	800		
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT											
Macon City			6 69		184 67	23 61		1	1000	1	800
Athens and Kilmourne			6 49		194 94	23 34	2 55	2	1500	1	600
Hopedale and Forest City			24 00		245 00	28 00	34 30	3	1500	1	800
Jacksonville											
TOTAL	\$25 50		\$778 12	\$1 57	\$995 56	\$1255 18	\$596 16 50		\$21550 15	\$14500	

COWDEN AND GREENVILLE DISTRICTS

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

LITCHFIELD, IPAVA AND JACKSONVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER														Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies		
LITCHFIELD DISTRICT	B. F. Grigg, District Elder																															
	Litchfield																															
	Hettick, Raymond and Honey Bend																															
	Taylorville and Owaneco																															
	Hillsboro and Irving																															
IPAVA DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, District Elder																															
	Ipava and Sumnum																															
	Vermont and Ray																															
	Antioch and Fairfield																															
	Colchester																															
	Macomb																															
	Webster and Pleasant Grove																															
	Carmel, Lomax and Dallas City																															
	Lewis and Bluffs																															
	Naples and Bluffs																															
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, District Elder																															
	Mason City																															
	Athens and Kibourne																															
	Hopedale and Forest City																															
	Jacksonville																															
Total																																

EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Armadale, Ontario, September 3-7, 1902

OFFICERS

W. A. SELLEW, President.

A. SIMS, Secretary.

W. H. REYNOLDS, Assistant Secretary.

R. BURNHAM, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, A. Sims, F. D. Bradley.

On Quarterly Conference Records—Charles Cunningham, S. Rogers.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. Cunningham.

On Publications—A. Sims, W. H. Reynolds, C. Prior, Thomas Loveless.

On Sabbath-schools—E. Snyder, C. Cunningham, William Dulmage.

On Reforms—R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds, William Dulmage.

On State of the Work—A. Sims, W. H. Reynolds, William Grant, Charles Prior.

On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—A. Sims, W. H. Reynolds, R. Burnham, C. Prior, R. Atcheson.

On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—The committee on Home Missions.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

R. Burnham, president; W. H. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer; S. Rogers, Thomas Loveless, A. Howie.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Sims, president; W. H. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer; R. Burnham, William Dulmage, R. Atcheson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

A. Sims, president, two years; R. Burnham, one year; W. H. Reynolds, secretary, three years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—C. Cunningham.

On Sabbath-schools—S. T. Gunter.

On Reforms—S. Rogers.

On Education—A. Sims.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions; second quarter, (1) General Superintendents' salaries, (2) Church Extension; third quarter, (1) General Missions, (2) Evangelists' Benefit Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. H. Reynolds,
E. Snyder,
S. T. Gunter.

S. Rogers,
W. H. Gregory,

S. Walker,
R. Burnham,

A. Sims,
O. Cunningham,

DELEGATES

William Dulmage.	James Shay.	Thomas Loveless.	Josiah Gunter,
Maggy Bray.	A. Howie,	C. A. Prior,	W. Findlay,
E. Walker.	Emma Snyder,	Emeline Buck,	William Grant.
R. Atcheson,	H. Smith,	Sperry Snyder,	G. Hughes.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, A. Sims, W. H. Reynolds, George Hughes, Thomas Loveless.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Charles Goodrich.

4. Who remain on trial? F. D. Bradley, D. L. Gunter, William Zurbrigg, C. Dierks, C. A. Fox.

6. Who are the deacons? S. Walker, E. Snyder, C. Cunningham, W. H. Gregory.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. T. Gunter.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. Walker.

5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15. No business.

14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. See reports and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Verona, Ontario, as near the first week in September, 1903, as may suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

KINGSTON DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder.

Gananoque and Lansdowne.....	E. Snyder, Gananoque, Ontario
Kingston and Cataraqui.....	S. Rogers, Cataraqui, "
Wilton and Odessa.....	Emeline Buck, supply, Wilton, "
Verona. Oak Flats and Petworth.....	C. Cunningham, Verona, "
Westport and Maberly.....	C. A. Fox, Westport, "
Perth Road.....	George Altan, supply, Perth Road, "
Vennachar and Mt. Zion.....	To be supplied
Bloomfield and Ridge Road.....	C. Goodrich, Picton, Ontario
S. Walker, supernumerary.	

HAVELOCK DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder.

Gunter.....	D. L. Gunter, Gunter, Ontario
Beaver Creek and Rockdale.....	Sperry Snyder, Marmora, "
Trent Bridge.....	To be supplied
Burnley and Warkworth.....	John Potter, supply, Warkworth, Ontario

TORONTO DISTRICT—A. SIMS, District Elder.

Toronto.....	R. Burnham, Toronto, Ontario
Port Credit.....	To be supplied
Armada.....	F. D. Bradley, Armadale, Ontario
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....	Lotta Babcock, supply, Uxbridge, "
Belhaven and Baldwin.....	S. T. Gunter, Baldwin, "

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—A. SIMS, District Elder.

Crown Hill and Barrie.....	To be supplied
Barkway and Severn Bridge.....	William Zurbrigg, Housey's Rapids, Ontario
Bracebridge.....	W. H. Gregory, Bracebridge, "
Gravenhurst.....	Emma Snyder, supply, Gravenhurst, "
Huntsville.....	Charles Dierks, Huntsville, "

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

KINGSTON, HAVELock, TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" taken	Conference Claims	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Mission	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
KINGSTON DISTRICT	W. H. Reynolds, District Elder	13	2	16	1	1	11	60	2	2	3 90	2 16	3 50	1 80	1 20	1 80	\$ 15 00	\$16 91
	Iansdowne.....	62	6	68	1	2	11	60	8	8	16 50	9 90	13 75	8 25	8 50	8 25	6 70	6 38
	Kingston and Cataraqui.....	27	8	35	1	1	6	20	6	6	7 38	6 94	8 25	4 35	3 30	4 35	6 70	11 00
	Wilton, Odessa, Petworth, Yarker.....	63	4	67	1	2	12	61	5	5	18 60	11 16	14 00	9 30	4 84	3 30	6 70	4 83
	Verona, Oak Flats and Enterprise.....	27	2	29	1	1	5	30	5	2	7 80	4 68	6 50	3 90	2 60	3 90	6 70	4 83
	Westport.....	11	1	12	1	1	6	35	4	4	3 30	3 05	4 00	1 65	1 70	1 65	6 70	5 60
	Perth Road.....	10	2	12	1	1	6	35	4	4	3 30	1 88	2 25	1 65	1 65	1 65	6 70	5 60
	Emma Snyder, supply.....	11	1	12	1	1	6	35	4	4	3 30	3 05	4 00	1 65	1 70	1 65	6 70	5 60
	Maberly.....	21	10	31	1	1	6	35	4	4	3 30	3 05	4 00	1 65	1 70	1 65	6 70	5 60
	Vennuchar and Mt. Zion.....	20	7	28	1	1	6	35	4	4	3 30	3 05	4 00	1 65	1 70	1 65	6 70	5 60
	Bloomfield and Ridge Road.....	21	7	28	1	1	6	35	4	4	3 30	3 05	4 00	1 65	1 70	1 65	6 70	5 60
HAVERLOCK DISTRICT	W. H. Reynolds, District Elder	11	1	12	1	1	4	25	1	1	3 60	1 98	3 00	1 05	1 00	1 05	4 16	4 16
	Gunter.....	24	7	31	1	3	14	55	2	2	6 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	4 16	4 16
	Beaver Creek and Rockdale.....	9	3	12	1	1	8	50	4	4	7 50	4 50	6 25	3 00	2 50	3 00	4 16	4 16
	Trent Bridge and Healy's Falls.....	25	7	32	1	2	8	50	4	4	7 50	4 50	6 25	3 00	2 50	3 00	4 16	4 16
	Burnley and Warkworth.....	25	7	32	1	2	8	50	4	4	7 50	4 50	6 25	3 00	2 50	3 00	4 16	4 16
TORONTO DISTRICT	A. Sims, District Elder	2	2	4	1	1	7	35	7	7	90	54	75	45	30	45	7 60	27 50
	Port Credit.....	15	2	17	1	1	7	40	4	4	4 20	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40	2 10	20 32	27 50
	Toronto.....	30	3	33	1	1	7	40	6	6	18 00	6 40	7 50	4 50	3 00	4 50	20 32	31 17
	Armadale.....	51	7	58	1	2	11	60	8	8	14 05	9 90	6 50	3 00	5 50	6 50	7 60	32 83
	Belhaven and Midway.....	40	8	48	1	1	7	35	7	7	12 80	7 38	10 25	6 15	4 10	6 15	7 60	16 30
MUSKOKA DISTRICT	A. Sims, District Elder	25	25	50	1	1	4	10	3	3	7 50	4 50	5 50	3 75	2 50	3 75	4 35	46 35
	Crown Hill and Barrie.....	80	3	83	2	2	7	50	5	5	10 50	6 30	8 00	5 25	3 50	6 25	4 35	46 35
	Barkway and Severn Bridge.....	70	26	96	5	1	8	68	17	2	19 20	11 52	16 40	9 45	6 40	9 45	4 35	46 35
	Bracebridge and Alport.....	9	10	19	1	1	8	68	2	2	2 70	1 60	2 50	1 35	90	1 35	90	10 60

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE—
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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
KINGSTON DISTRICT											
Lansdowne.....					\$ 383 42	\$ 42 48		1	\$ 800		
Kingston and Cataraqui.....			\$ 23 73		109 25	69 20		1	1150		
Wilton, Odessa, Petworth, Yarker					34 03	34 03		1	1200		
Verona, Oak Flats and Enterprise			26 26		334 00	57 09	\$ 9 39	2	900	1	\$ 650
Westport.....			15 58		278 00	45 00	30 00	1	1200		
Perth Road.....					87 00	20 75	8 75	1	700		
Waverly.....			10 43		85 00	33 81	5 85				
Vennachar and Mt. Zion.....					19 50	18 75		2	500		
Bloomfield and Ridge Road.....			5 00		220 53	41 25		1	700		
HAVELOCK DISTRICT											
Gunter.....			10 61		20 42	33 89		1	575		
Beaver Creek and Rockdale.....			17 39	\$ 95	267 40	52 01		1	600	1	400
Trent Bridge and Healeys Falls...					101 80	29 68		2	1200		
Burnley and Warkworth.....			16 11	45	156 45	50 41	2 30	1	675	1	400
TORONTO DISTRICT											
Port Credit.....						23 09		1	500		
Toronto.....			25 13			36 54	21 11	1	1800		
Armada.....			13 06		321 01	56 25	13 50	1	700		
Belhaven and Baldwin.....			22 65		310 00	69 54		3	1200		
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....			12 69		251 10	52 50	4 00	2	1800	1	800
MUSKOKA DISTRICT											
Crown Hill and Barrie.....					26 12	43 23		1	1000		
Barkway and Severn Bridge.....			11 88		291 81	47 64		4	1600	1	600
Bracebridge and Alport.....	\$5 31	\$3 37	32 93		464 54	82 46	45 97	1	600	1	600
Gravenhurst.....					183 87	43 65					
Huntsville.....			3 08		330 00	36 00		3	700	1	400
Total.....	\$5 31	\$3 37	\$246 53	\$1 40	\$4021 23	\$1019 19	\$140 87	32	\$20100	7	\$3250

WABASH CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session, held at Neoga, Illinois, September 17-21, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

JOHN A. WATSON, Secretary.

E. E. JENKINS, Assistant Secretary.

J. B. LUTZ, Statistical Secretary.

JOHN A. WATSON, Railroad Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, U. S. Ferguson, J. B. Lutz.

On Church Literature—A. F. Niswonger, H. J. McKinnell, J. W. Gass.

On Reforms—D. S. Moore, E. E. Robbins, S. J. Barger.

On Sabbath-schools—Nellie Allen, Daisy Fritchie, M. M. Kern.

On State of the Work—U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Receive General Superintendents' Funds—Wallace G. McVey.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. E. Robbins, H. J. McKinnell,

A. W. Brant.

On Education—G. Holborow, J. B. Hull, Irvin Smith.

On Ministerial Relations—John A. Watson, D. S. Moore, G. W. Gilkison, U. S. Ferguson, Irvin Smith.

To Receive Money for Delegates' Expenses to General Conference—E. T. Lloyd.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. L. Duvall.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Funds—W. S. Avery.

To Receive Educational and Children's Funds—H. B. Ambler.

To Receive Money for Missions—H. J. McKinnell.

To Receive Money for Church Extension and Aid Society—S. H. Lewis.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson, Irvin Smith, Jacob Barger.

Conference Treasurer—H. J. McKinnell, Clay City, Indiana.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. F. Niswonger, president, for one year; John A. Watson, secretary, for two years;

A. P. Harrell, for three years; H. J. McKinnell, for four years; U. S. Ferguson, for five years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. E. Robbins, president; G. W. Gilkison, secretary and treasurer, Belmont, Illinois; U. S. Ferguson, S. J. Barger, David F. Cooper.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (fifteen cents), Church Extension (ten cents); second quarter, Home Missions (twelve cents), Foreign Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—G. W. Gilkison.

On Sabbath-schools—A. F. Niswonger

On Church Literature—W. G. McVey.

On Education—J. B. Lutz.

On State of the Work—John A. Watson, U. S. Ferguson.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mattie Lawrence, president, Terre Haute, Indiana; Daisy Fritchie, treasurer, Birds, Illinois; Nellie Allen, corresponding secretary, Ft. Branch, Indiana.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. E. Robbins,	J. H. Keys,	H. J. McKinnel,	A. F. Niswonger,
S. H. Lewis,	D. S. Moore	U. S. Ferguson,	John A. Watson,
J. B. Hull,	E. E. Jenkins,	A. P. Harrell,	E. T. Corson,
H. B. Ambler,	S. P. Mercer,	David Cooper,	A. W. Brant,
G. W. Gilkison,	J. L. Duvall,	G. Holborow,	E. T. Lloyd,
W. F. Prout,	M. M. Kern,	J. B. Lutz,	W. G. McVey,
R. F. Durham.			

DELEGATES

W. S. Avery,	J. W. Gass,	E. E. Adams,	Edward Clegg,
B. A. Melton,	S. J. Barger,	Irvin Smith,	Newton Wilson,
F. P. Tooker,	Fred Wagner,	Clark Wilson,	Williams Chavers,
Nellie Allen,	Daisy Fritchie,	David Cooper.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson, Irvin Smith, Jacob Barger.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. O. Bancroft.

4. Who remain on trial? J. F. Erwin, C. W. Haney, George S. Lutz.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. B. Lutz, W. G. McVey, R. F. Durham.

6. Who are the deacons? George Holborow, A. W. Brant, H. B. Ambler, J. L. Duvall, W. F. Prout, E. T. Lloyd, of the first-class; G. W. Gilkison, J. B. Lutz, W. G. McVey, R. F. Durham, of the second class.

7, 9; 11, 13, 15. None.

8. Who have located this year? H. Hedriek, W. H. Delbridge, Arnold Becker, N. S. Ogborn.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. H. Keys, S. P. Mercer.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? H. Prust, withdrawn under censure.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed with one exception.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. H. Keys, \$100; S. P. Mercer, \$40; Mrs. Charles McVey, \$40; Oscar Foote's child, \$25; total, \$205.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Clay City, Indiana, as near the last Sabbath in August, 1903, as can be arranged by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of conference was pronounced very good. We were glad to welcome the following named visiting brethren: Rev. W. T. Hogue, editor of the *Free Methodist*, Rev.

B. J. Vincent, representing the publishing house; Rev. C. M. Damon, of the Minnesota and North Iowa conference; Rev. D. B. Turney of the Methodist Protestant church, and Revs. C. A. Fleming, S. K. Wheatlake, H. G. Ahlemeyer and B. C. Dewey of the Central Illinois conference.

The preaching and administration of General Superintendent B. R. Jones were much appreciated. Brother Jones stated that he did not even feel a jar in all the business sessions.

The statistics show an advance movement on finances, also a small gain in membership. All conference collections are raised in full.

On Sunday afternoon, J. B. Lutz, W. G. McVey and R. F. Durham were ordained deacons.

The freedom with which the visiting brethren entered into the various services made us feel anew it is one family.

The following persons were elected delegates to the general conference: Ministerial: U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson; reserve, A. F. Niswonger, S. H. Lewis. Lay, J. W. Gass, A. J. Siberal; reserve, Irvin Smith, Nellie Allen.

The citizens of Neoga were generous in their hospitality, and the pastor, J. B. Lutz and wife were untiring in their labors to entertain the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

ATTICA DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder, Attica, Indiana.

Attica, Antioch and Black Rock	W. G. McVey, Attica, Indiana
La Fayette	J. B. Lutz, La Fayette, "
Frankfort	G. S. Lutz, Frankfort, "
Oxford, Templeton, Boswell and Pine Villiage	C. O. Bancroft, Oxford, "
Marshfield	J. F. Erwin, Marshfield, "

S. H. Lewis and A. P. Harrell, conference evangelists; N. S. Ogborn located with membership at Pine Village, Indiana.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder.

Neoga, Pleasant Grove and Kingman	A. F. Niswonger, Neoga, Illinois
Westfield, Mt. Olive and Charleston	D. S. Moore, Westfield, "
Paris and Grandview	E. E. Robbins, Grandview, "
Arcola and Camargo	W. F. Prout, Arcola, "
Tuscola	M. M. Kern, Tuscola, "
Sidell	C. W. Haney, Sidell, "
Rantoul, Urbana and Sugar Grove	A. W. Brant, Rantoul, "

W. H. Delbridge, located, membership at Kingman, Illinois; Arnold Becker, located, membership at Kingman, Illinois; David Cooper, left without appointment.

WABASH DISTRICT—U. S. FERGUSON, District Elder, Clay City, Indiana.

West Salem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope	J. L. Duvall, West Salem, Illinois
Belmont, Mt. Carmel, Keensburg	H. B. Ambler, Belmont, "
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Spring Hill	J. B. Hull, Calhoun, "
Birds, Bee Branch, Island	G. W. Gilkison, Belmont, "
Victory, Dark Bend	Frank Cullison, supply, Island, "
Clay City, Terre Haute	H. J. McKinnell, Clay City, Indiana
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope	E. T. Lloyd, St. Francisville, Illinois

J. H. Keys, superannuated; S. P. Mercer, superannuated; H. Hendrick, located, membership at Island, Illinois.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—U. S. FERGUSON, District Elder.

Evansville, Ft. Branch	G. Holborow, Ft. Branch, Indiana
Tennyson, Bloomfield, Yankeetown	E. T. Corson, Tennyson, "
Decker, Harmony	To be supplied
Millstone	J. Bowman, supply, Midway, Indiana

E. E. Jenkins, left without appointment.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

S. H. LewisAttica, Indiana A. P. HarrellCrawfordville, Indiana
Mrs. Pyrla Mc. Vey..... " Mrs. Ella NiswongerNeoga, Illinois

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—Collected, \$19.25.
CHURCH EXTENSION.—Apportioned and collected, \$78.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned and collected, \$140.40.
GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportioned and paid, \$117.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Collected, \$69.11.
DELEGATES' EXPENSE TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.—Apportioned and raised, \$117.
CHILDREN'S FUND.—Collected, \$16.70.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Collected, \$8.75.
HOME MISSIONS.—Apportioned and collected, \$93.60.
Paid Frankfort charge, \$35; Ft. Branch charge, \$15; E. T. Corson, \$15; C. W. Haney, \$10.25; balance in treasury, \$18.35.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Amount apportioned and collected, \$234.
Paid J. H. Keys, \$100; Oscar Foote's child, \$25; General fund, \$109.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: We think as a whole the work is making some advance. Some good revivals have been held the past year. Three good camp-meetings have been held which have been a means of blessing to the church, of salvation of sinners and sanctification of believers. Some improvements have been made on various churches and parsonages. In the main our preachers and people are proving their fidelity to the work to which we are called. However, the one crying need is a powerful revival of God's work throughout our borders. To this end may we faithfully labor and pray.

III.—ON REFORMS.

There is properly but one side to any and all issues, that is the right side. God's side is always right. The devil's side is always wrong. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" God will not come to our terms, we must come to his terms. We must get on God's side of all questions if we would have his favor, and in so doing we will be in the vanguard of all reforms—a light and example to the world.

RUM.—Since God has said no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God, therefore no drunkard-maker can. Seeing that the rum traffic of the United States has legal sanction to sow saloons and reap drunkards, thereby bringing sorrow, misery and want to multiplied thousands in this life and destroying men's souls in hell, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Wabash conference is opposed to this unholy and iniquitous business, and further we will not support any political party that advocates the license system.

TOBACCO.—As in the past so in the present we stand opposed to the use of this filthy weed. We recommend that all our ministers see that our rules of Discipline are observed in this particular.

SECRECY.—We continue to affirm our opposition to all secret societies. We believe them to be anti-Christian while making great pretensions religiously. By this cunning craftiness they more easily deceive unstable souls. We should use all diligence in our efforts to head off this device of Satan and give to the people the true light of the gospel which will bring to view the hidden things of darkness. Their oaths are forbidden. God has said, "Thou shalt not forswear thyself." We stand opposed to all works of darkness and insist that our people continue free from all secret societies, following the Lord in all things.

ROMANISM.—We regard Romanism as a foe to all civil and religious liberty. Our deceased heroic brother, B. T. Roberts, truthfully said, "We deserve the name of Protestants only as we continue to oppose and protest against this iniquitous and fallen church."

WORLDLINESS.—We quote from the Central Illinois conference: "In the matter of dress we must continue to adhere to the standard given in God's word and our Discipline. We are stemming a fearful tide of superfluous apparel. The goddess of fashion still holds sway over the masses, causing them to sin in pampering pride and leading them thereby into other sins and crimes. We would therefore recommend a careful compliance to our rules on dress—as becometh those professing godliness. The church should be carefully guarded by those who have the oversight of our work."

IV.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

The press is a power for good or evil, just as it may be used. For good, when used to publish good things, especially the glad tidings of salvation. We are warned by a God of

love to overcome evil with good. To do this we must be up and at it, for the number of evil publications is legion. As an exponent of Bible truth and full salvation and as the best all around family paper in the world we urge everybody in general, and Free Methodists in particular to take the *Free Methodist*. Are we really doing the best we can to get this noble paper into the homes of the people? The Sunday-school literature published by S. K. J. Chesbro is second to none. The books handled by our publishing house are the very best. The *Earnest Christian* and *Golden Rule* deserves a place in every home. We know of no monthly nearly so good. Let us put forth renewed efforts to supply our families with the best of reading matter and so shut out the evil.

V.—ON EDUCATION.

Inasmuch as God has created man with a faculty for acquiring knowledge we regard it as his will that the mental faculties be improved.

While there are some commendable features about our present school system, *nevertheless* the fact confronts careful and solicitous parents that there are tendencies, by evil associations and otherwise, to lead the children from God, purity and heaven. In view of this we call the attention of the church and general public to our religious, educational institutions (more especially to Greenville College), as depositories of spiritual as well as mental knowledge. The value of these schools cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. We hope and trust that any innovations of a worldly character will be neither tolerated nor endorsed. Our only safety lies in resisting beginnings. We pledge ourselves as a conference to uphold these God ordained institutions by our prayers, means and patronage.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ATTICA DISTRICT											
Attica, Antloch and Black Rock	\$ 3 40		\$ 37 06		\$ 457 17	\$ 54 55	\$ 49 91	2	\$ 3000	1	\$ 2500
La Fayette			31 00		300 00	42 25	18 00	1	800	1	600
Frankfort			7 84		248 39	28 25		1	700		
Oxford, Templeton and Boswell			12 54		222 36	45 00	21 50	3	2100	1	800
Hoopeston, Bethel and Youngs		2 45	12 00		407 61	62 68	110 15	2	1600	1	600
Marshallfield	\$ 4 10	1 25	16 62		370 00	45 00	31 75	1	800	1	800
Pine Village					25 00			1	500	1	250
TOLEDO DISTRICT											
Neoga, Pleasant Grove, Kingman	3 00	7 00	29 00		331 00	51 92	44 03	4	2500	1	500
Westfield, Mt. Olive, Charleston			42 00		328 00	50 68	43 30	3	2400	1	800
Arcola and Camargo			10 00		339 52	30 75		2	1600	1	300
Tuscola and Sidell			18 22		219 87	33 00	34 92	2	1800		
Rantoul, Urbana and Sugar Grove			36 34		588 50	60 00	72 67	4	3400	1	1200
WABASH DISTRICT											
West Salem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope	75	2 20	25 00		348 86	60 90	60 00	3	1800	1	400
Belmont, Mt. Carmel, Keensburg					298 35	40 00	6 00	2	1500	1	450
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, etc			28 00		210 52	35 00	15 00	3	2000	1	500
Birds, Bee Branch, Island, etc			25 00		322 95	70 65	84 20	5	2900	1	400
Clay City and Terre Haute					500 00	70 25	121 30	2	2000	1	600
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope			23 00		229 10	45 18		3	2100	1	800
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT											
Decker and Harmony						21 10		1	400		
Ft. Branch					243 00	25 35	5 06	1	800	1	400
Tennyson, Bloomfield, Millstone	90		40 00		221 40	50 00	26 00	3	1800	1	400
Evansville			6 25		273 00	40 00		1	1500	1	500
Total	\$8 75	\$16 30	\$397 87		\$6501 59	\$952 51	\$753 78	52	\$37800	19	\$12400

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

ATTICA, TOLEDO, WABASH AND EVANSVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions Society
ATTICA DISTRICT																	
U. S. Ferguson, Dist. Elder																	
Attica, Antioch and Black Rock	W. G. Mc Vey	48	14	62	1	3	15	115	10	\$2 30	7 38	\$4 62	\$ 6 15	\$4 10	\$ 6 15	\$ 5 39	\$11 40
La Fayette	E. R. Robbins	30	2	32	1	1	8	1	6	4 50	5 40	2 60	4 60	3 00	4 60	.....	21 70
Frankfort	E. T. Corson	23	3	26	1	1	5	1	2	3 50	2 70	1 80	2 25	1 50	2 25	.....	.....
Oxford, Templeton and Boswell	C. F. Erwin	23	3	26	1	1	6	30	6	7 20	4 32	2 88	3 60	2 40	3 60	.....	3 38
Hoopesston, Bethel and Youngs	George S. Lutz	27	4	31	1	2	16	60	6	8 40	3 06	2 60	2 55	1 70	3 60	.....	.....
Marshfield	A. F. Niswonger	42	5	47	1	1	8	40	2	12 00	7 20	4 80	6 00	4 00	6 00	5 85	.....
Pine Village	Supplied	11	1	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	50	50	.....	1 00	.....	.....
TOLEDO DISTRICT																	
U. S. Ferguson, Dist. Elder																	
Neoga, Pleasant Grove and Kingman	J. B. Lutz	35	3	38	.....	3	20	145	7	9 60	5 76	3 84	4 80	3 20	4 80	1 35	.....
Wesfield, Mt. Olive and Charleston	E. T. Lloyd	52	6	58	.....	3	15	50	9	11 70	7 02	4 68	4 85	3 90	5 85	.....	.....
Arcola and Camargo	W. F. Prout	19	1	20	.....	1	6	25	2	1 80	2 16	1 44	1 80	1 20	1 80	1 36	.....
Tuscola and Sidel	R. F. Durham	30	1	31	.....	2	8	35	3	6 30	3 78	2 42	3 75	2 10	3 18	1 35	.....
Rantoul, Urbana and Sugar Grove	A. W. Brant	43	1	44	.....	2	10	40	16	12 00	7 20	4 80	3 50	2 75	6 00	.....	.....
WABASH DISTRICT																	
John A. Watson, Dist. Elder																	
West Salem, Mt. Zion and Mt. Hope	J. L. Duval	86	4	90	.....	3	25	100	10	24 00	14 40	9 60	12 00	8 00	12 00	12 45	13 50
Belmont, Mt. Carmel and Keensburg	George Holborow	51	4	55	.....	1	2	8	55	5	15 00	6 10	7 50	5 00	7 00	3 80	.....
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Spring Hill	S. P. Mercer	40	5	45	.....	2	10	40	13	13 35	8 64	5 00	5 00	4 73	9 15	.....	.....
Birds, Bee Branch, Island, etc.	G. W. Gilkison	60	6	66	.....	2	5	20	150	12	18 30	10 98	5 00	4 73	9 15	.....	.....
Clay City and Terre Haute	H. Prust	70	15	85	.....	1	2	14	80	17	21 30	12 78	8 40	7 10	10 65	4 02	.....
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope	J. B. Hull	28	.....	28	.....	2	12	60	2	5 57	4 20	3 48	4 35	2 90	4 35	.....	.....
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT																	
John A. Watson, Dist. Elder																	
Decker and Harmony	.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	54	36	.....	30	45	.....	.....
Ft. Branch	C. W. Hanes	16	4	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	3 90	2 34	3 06	2 40	1 60	1 95	.....	.....
Tennys, Bloomfield and Milstone	H. J. Mc Kinnell	45	5	50	.....	1	3	18	90	14 60	6 26	4 00	6 80	1 80	6 24	16 57	8 00
Evansville	H. B. Ambler	22	5	27	.....	1	3	12	3	9 00	5 40	3 60	4 25	2 00	3 00	.....	.....
Amounts raised to meet deficiencies	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 47	8 88	12 32	18 95	14 72	7 45	.....	.....
Total	.....	796	86	882	13	4	221	1017	138	\$234 40	\$140 40	\$93 60	\$116 15	\$78 00	\$117 13	\$62 14	\$57 98

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-first Annual Session, held at Riceville, Iowa, September
17-21, 1902

OFFICERS

E. P. HART, President.

H. L. TENNEY, Secretary.

G. P. WILSON, Assistant Secretary.

P. O. COLE, Treasurer.

JOHN SUTTON, Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, G. P. Wilson, M. L. Schooley, J. K. Webb.

On State of the Work—G. P. Wilson, M. L. Schooley, Ada Hall, J. S. Cornish,
J. H. Noble.

On Reforms—C. M. Damon, M. L. Schooley, H. O. Radford.

On Education—G. P. Wilson, John Sutton, C. W. Sutton, G. L. Johnson, E. E.
Jones.

On Sunday-schools—H. O. Radford, G. S. Phillips, J. K. Webb, Ada Hall.

On Publications—M. L. Schooley, H. L. Tenney, John Hanson, H. W. Miller,
A. G. Morgan.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. S. Phillips, C. W. Sutton, Ada
Hall.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—William Baldwin.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—G. P. Wilson.

On Education—M. L. Schooley.

On Sunday-schools—J. K. Webb.

On Publications—H. O. Radford.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

M. L. Schooley, for three years; G. P. Wilson, for two years; H. O. Radford, for
one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. P. Wilson, P. O. Cole, M. L. Schooley, H. O. Radford, C. W. Sutton.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

G. P. Wilson, William Baldwin, P. O. Cole, M. L. Schooley, H. O. Radford, Walter
Wheeler.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this con-
ference?

PREACHERS

C. M. Damon,
G. P. Wilson,
J. K. Webb,
J. S. Cornish,
J. L. Kent,

J. B. Newville,
H. O. Radford,
A. C. Damon,
M. L. Schooley,
E. E. Jones,

J. M. Cook,
Cyrus Cook,
C. W. Sutton,
J. L. Phillips,
H. W. Miller,

William Baldwin,
J. H. Potts,
C. W. Howe,
G. H. Agnew,
P. S. Shoemaker.

DELEGATES

John Hanson,
P. O. Cole,

J. H. Noble,
Annie M. Jones,

Ada Hall,
G. L. Johnson,

John Sutton,
M. J. Cornish.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, G. P. Wilson, M. L. Schooley, P. O. Cole, John Hanson.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? H. L. Tenney, A. G. Morgan.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. E. Jones, H. W. Miller.
6. Who are the deacons? C. W. Sutton, J. K. Webb, A. C. Damon, J. L. Phillips, E. E. Jones, H. W. Miller.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. S. Cornish.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. L. Kent, J. L. Phillips.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. W. Howe, C. M. Damon, Cyrus Cook.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? P. S. Shoemaker, from the North Indiana conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. B. Newville, A. C. Damon, J. S. Cornish.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? A. C. Wolcott.
- 16-20. See statistical reports.
21. See report of committee on Claims and Claimants.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? G. P. Wilson, M. L. Schooley and H. O. Radford were elected a committee to decide the place; the time to be as near September 17-21, 1903, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT—GEORGE P. WILSON, District Elder.

Plymouth and Lime Creek	H. O. Radford
Mason City	P. S. Shoemaker
Hayfield and Durant S. H.	To be supplied
Osage	To be supplied
Glenville, Lansing, etc.	A. G. Morgan
Riceville, Round Grove, etc.	J. K. Webb
Bonair, Oakdale, etc.	H. W. Miller
J. B. Newville, J. S. Cornish, granted certificates of standing with view to transfer;	
J. L. Kent, C. M. Damon, J. L. Phillips, supernumerary; C. W. Howe, superannuated;	
M. L. Schooley, conference evangelist.	

ST. PAUL DISTRICT—GEORGE P. WILSON, District Elder.

Minneapolis and St. Paul	To be supplied
St. Paul (Scandinavian)	Ole S. Rolland, suppl
Hutchinson	To be supplied
G. H. Agnew, missionary to Africa.	

WINNEBAGO DISTRICT—GEORGE P. WILSON, District Elder.

Winnebago City, Pleasant View, etc.	To be supplied
Mapleton, Bradley, White school house, Young school house, etc.	G. S. Phillips
Lake Crystal and Hebron	To be supplied
Elmore	O. W. Sutton
A. C. Damon, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer.	

ALGONA DISTRICT—GEORGE P. WILSON, District Elder.

Algona and Eagle Grove	H. L. Tenney
Estherville and Ceylon	John Sutton, supply
Armstrong and East Chain Lakes	William Baldwin
Spencer, Capener S. H. and Ruthven	J. H. Potts
Peterson, Maple Grove and Douglass Center	E. E. Jones
J. M. Cook, left without appointment; Cyrus Cook, superannuated.	

PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

O. M. Damon	Orleans, Nebraska	J. B. Newville	McHenry, North Dakota
J. M. Cook	Wessington Springs, South Dakota	William Baldwin	Armstrong, Iowa
Cyrus Cook, Wessington Springs, "	"	H. O. Radford	Plymouth, "
J. H. Potts	Spencer, Iowa	J. S. Cornish	Eagle Grove, "
M. L. Schooley	Plymouth, "	G. S. Phillips	Mapleton, Minnesota
J. K. Webb	Riceville, "	J. L. Kent	Saratoga, Iowa
H. W. Miller	Bonair, "	H. L. Tenney	Algona, "
John Sutton	Estherville, "	A. C. Damon	Ledyard, "
C. W. Sutton	Elmore, Minnesota	E. E. Jones	Peterson, "
A. G. Morgan	Glenville, "	J. L. Phillips	Weyerhaeuser, Wisconsin
G. P. Wilson	Mason City, Iowa	P. S. Shoemaker	Mason City, Iowa
C. W. Howe	Corinth, New York	G. H. Agnew	Johannesburg, Africa
Robert S. Ellis, Minneapolis, Minnesota.			

EVANGELISTS

Minnie A. Shoemaker	Mason City, Iowa	Mrs. Grace Damon	Ledyard, Iowa
Martha L. Cook	Wessington Springs, S. D.	Miss Kittie Ellis, Minneapolis, Minnesota	
Mrs. Mary Howard	Winnebago City, Minn.	Miss Ada Hall	Riceville, Iowa
Mrs. Nellie Wands, 611 Ontario Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.			
Mrs. Mary Angove, 605 Oak Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.			

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. O. Sutton	Winnebago City, Minnesota	Samuel Ham	St. Clair, Minnesota
Kelsey Loveall	"	William Hyatt	Armstrong, Iowa
Ole S. Roland, 116 E. Magnolia Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.			
Ezra T. Warner, Minneapolis, Minnesota.			

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-first session of our conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Riceville, Iowa, September 17-21, 1902. Five sittings were held. General Superintendent Hart presided in a satisfactory and impartial manner. The session was harmonious and the religious services times of the manifest outpouring of the Spirit. The sum of \$11.07 was raised to meet a deficit in the conference claims; \$5.55 for Mrs. Mary C. Wolcott; \$3.70 for conference expenses, and \$8.86 for the pastor, Rev. J. K. Webb.

Rev. W. B. Olmstead was present and represented the Sunday-school and Publishing House interests. Rev. H. L. Torsey presented the interests of Wessington Springs Seminary.

G. P. Wilson was elected ministerial and P. O. Cole lay delegate to the general conference. M. L. Schooley was elected reserve ministerial and John Sutton reserve lay delegate.

The W. F. M. S. re-organized by electing the following officers: President, Mrs. H. O. Radford; vice president, Mrs. J. K. Webb; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Phillips; secretary, Mrs. Mary Howard.

Order of conference collections for next year: First quarter, Home Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents'; third quarter, General Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'; assessment for Home Missions, 15 cents.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

ON CLAIMS AND CLAIMANTS.

Amount necessary to pay claimants for next year: O. M. Damon, \$150; Mary C. Wolcott, \$80; Mary E. Sumner, \$50. Maria L. Cain, \$50. C. W. Howe, \$50; Lucy M. Ray, \$25; Cyrus Cook, \$75; E. H. Tenney's child, \$20.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Amount assessed, \$100.50.

Amount paid, \$100.55.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Amount assessed, \$60.30.

Amount paid, 53.77. Deficit, \$1.53.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Amount assessed, \$50.25.

Amount paid, \$44.41. Deficit, \$5.84.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Amount assessed, \$33.50.

Amount paid, \$23.80. Deficit, \$9.70.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Amount assessed, \$50.25.

Amount paid, \$46.50. Deficit, \$3.75.

Total Deficit, \$11.07; which was provided for.

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ALGONA DISTRICT											
Algona and Eagle Grove					\$ 62 00	\$ 26 80		1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 500
Armstrong, Swea City and Halfa			\$12 00		145 85	40 43	\$ 30 00	1	1000	1	900
Spencer, Capener and Ruthven			22 00		434 22	45 94	34 00	1		1	1000
Peterson, Maple Grove, Douglas C	\$ 1 00		9 50	\$ 20	295 40	49 37	25 00	2	1800	1	560
WINNEBAGO DISTRICT											
Winnebago City, Pleasant View, etc			8 50		233 00	59 00	27 28	2	1500	1	500
Elmore			12 00		240 00	28 81	8 00	1	1000	1	500
Mapleton, Bellview, Grapeland, etc	15 00		16 50	25	207 25	30 00	43 00	1		1	800
Glenville, Gordonsville, Lansing			15 00		123 20	31 52		1	1000	1	300
Lake Crystal and Hebron						4 30		1	60		
Estherville, Ceylon, East Chain					125 26	25 06	45 70				
St Paul and Hutchinson						22 65					
Northfield and Fairbault											
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT											
Plymouth, Mason City, Lime Creek	2 00		53 41		375 85	73 66	37 00	3	3690	1	1000
Culver, Hackberry, Center S. H.					34 00	30 00	90 00				
Osage						6 00		1	1000		
Riceville, Round Grove, Saratoga		3 20	37 64	30	624 00	72 20	41 00	1	1750	1	1000
Bonair, Fairchild S. H., Oakdale			9 34		224 32	40 00		1	1000	1	500
Hayfield, Durant S. H., Ellington				1 00	377 40	38 02	55 00				
Total	\$18 00	\$3 20	\$195 89	\$1 75	\$3501 75	\$623 76	\$435 98	15	\$14900	11	7550

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ALGONA, WINNEBAGO AND PLYMOUTH DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conf'nce Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ALGONA DISTRICT																		
	M. L. Schooley, Dist. Elder																	
Algona and Eagle Grove	J. S. Cornish	10		10	10	1	1	7	36	3	\$ 3 30	\$ 1 98				\$ 1 65		
Armstrong, Swea City and Hafa	Cyrus Cook	14		14	1	1	1	7	36	6	5 40	3 24				2 70		
Spencer, Capener and Ruthven	J. H. Potts	22	1	23	1	1	2	12	75	10	7 80	4 68				3 90		
Peterson, Maple Grove, Douglas Center	J. M. Cook, M. L. Cook, supply	12		12	1	1	1	3	20	5	7 80	4 70				3 90	\$30 00	
WINNEBAGO DISTRICT																		
	G. P. Wilson, District Elder																	
Winnipeg City, Pleasant View, etc.	A. C. Damon, G. Damon, sup	37	6	43	2	2	2	8	30	9	10 20	6 12				5 10		
Elmore	C. W. Sutton	9	6	15	1	1	1	5	20	4	2 70	1 62				1 35		
Mapleton, Belview, Grapeland, etc.	E. E. Jones	29	1	30	1	1	1	7	55	6	6 60	3 92				3 30	1 00	
Glenville, Gordonsville and Lansing	A. G. Morgan	8		8	1	1	3	20	7	8 60	2 04	2 04				1 80		
Lake Crystal and Hebron	Supplied	7		7	1	1	1	3	20	4	1 30	55				45		
Estherville, Ceylon and East Chain	John Sutton, supply	15	3	18	1	1	1	2	90	2	9 30	1 98				1 65	3 08	
St. Paul and Hutchinson	Supplied	11		11	1	1	1	2	90	2	9 30	54				1 65		
Northfield and Fairbault	Supplied																	
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT																		
	M. L. Schooley, Dist. Elder																	
Plymouth, Mason City, Lime Creek	H. O. Radford	68	9	77			3	20	105	16	24 90	14 94				12 45	26 25	
Culver, Hackberry and Center S. H.	H. L. Tenney	6	6	12						2	2 00						1 00	
Osage	Supplied	32	1	33	6			14	70	8	1 80	1 08				90	3 00	
Riceville, Round Grove and Saratoga	J. K. Webb	21		21	1	1	1	6	23	6	10 20	6 12				5 10	3 00	\$20 00
Bonair, Fairchild S. H. and Oakdale	H. W. Miller	8	1	9	1	1	1	1	6	4	6 90	4 14				2 30	2 00	
Hayfield, Durant S. H., Ellington, etc	William Baldwin										1 80	1 08				60	1 00	
Total		306	35	341	9	4	16	86	453	99	\$100 55	\$58 77		\$44 41	\$23 80	\$45 50	\$70 38	\$26 00

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NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session, held at Fremont, Nebraska,

August 27-30, 1902

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On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, E. Ballenger, J. A. Finch.

On Publications—P. H. Arlington, R. F. Johnston, Minnie A. Beers.

On Reforms—E. E. Hatfield, P. H. Arlington, F. K. Main.

On Education—W. W. Bruce, C. C. Cox, Minnie A. Beers.

On Sunday-schools—L. E. Barnes, T. M. Wright.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. W. Bruce, R. F. Johnston.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—T. T. McCall.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—E. P. Hart, E. Ballenger, J. A. Finch, T. T. McCall, R. S. Andrews.

On the State of the Work—E. Ballenger, J. A. Finch, T. M. Wright, R. S. Andrews.

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E. Ballenger, W. W. Bruce, R. F. Johnston.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—R. F. Johnston. On Reforms—E. E. Hatfield.

On Education—W. W. Bruce. On Sunday-schools—O. L. Barnes.

On State of the Work—E. Ballenger. On Missions—The stationing committee.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; third quarter, Church Extension and Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

P. H. Arlington,
W. W. Harris,
E. E. Hatfield,
W. W. Bruce,
Ira C. Grabill.

E. Ballenger,
J. E. Evans,
O. L. Barnes,
C. C. Cox,

Sidney Mills,
J. B. Davis,
J. A. Finch,
A. S. McClure,

A. J. Houver,
L. E. Barnes,
R. F. Johnston,
F. J. Atkinson,

DELEGATES

T. M. Wright,	E. Safford,	Eliza Reid,	Laura Northrup,
Emma Shaw,	E. J. Phillips,	J. M. Gant,	R. S. Andrews,
T. T. McCall,	E. E. Wales,	F. K. Main,	Minnie A. Beers,
Minnie Johnson,	Elizabeth Wist	Ross Bacon,	W. S. Berry,
J. V. Parks,	S. A. Wickline.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, E. Ballenger, J. A. Finch
T. T. McCall, R. S. Andrews.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? L. Daily, M. Hartsock.
4. Who remain on trial? E. E. Dillon, H. Allgor.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. S. McClure, F. J. Atkinson,
Ira C. Grabill, D. C. Sparks, on his certificate of location.
6. Who are the deacons? A. J. Houver, J. E. Evans, L. E. Barnes, A. S.
McClure, F. J. Atkinson, Ira C. Grabill, D. C. Sparks.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? T. T. McCall
(local).
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. B. Davis, Sidney Mills, A. J.
Houver, J. E. Evans.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? W. W. Harris.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. W.
Bruce, from the Central Illinois conference; C. C. Cox, an elder from the Baptist
church.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer
to another conference? P. H. Arlington, D. C. Sparks.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character
of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? John Wilson.
- 16-23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Yutan, Nebraska,
not later than August 20, 1903.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were five sittings of the conference. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided with his usual skill and ability. We were glad to again look into the face of our venerable and beloved senior superintendent. His sermons and exhortations were a source of much encouragement to all.

The conference ordered that a collection of fifteen cents per member be taken and forwarded to the district elder of the Norfolk and Butte districts.

Rev. N. B. Ghormley, principal of the Orleans Seminary, being present, was introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat. He presented the needs of the seminary, and a collection amounting to one hundred dollars in cash and subscriptions was taken.

A. S. McClure, F. J. Atkinson and Ira C. Grabill were ordained deacons at the conclusion of the Sunday morning service, and T. T. McCall, a local preacher, was ordained elder at the commencement of the afternoon service.

The board of education, by its secretary, read a resolution requesting the preachers to be more diligent in holding the Educational and Children's day services as required by the Discipline.

The conference ordered that all conference collections be forwarded to the conference treasurer, Minnie A. Beers, Concord, Nebraska.

The conference adopted a resolution endorsing the Home Department of the Sunday-school work and urged upon our people the utility of this line of Christian activity.

W. M. Adams, of the Kansas conference, acting as fraternal delegate from that body, asked that this conference join them in a request to the executive committee that the next general conference be held within the bounds of the Kansas conference. By unanimous vote his petition was granted.

The conference adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and as far as we know under successful operation, an undenominational institution for the rescuing and reclaiming of fallen women, known as the "Rescue Home" of Omaha, now exists in the city of Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, There is an attempt on the part of some of our members to incorporate in the same city another institution of the same character; and

WHEREAS, This attempt to incorporate this second institution causes discord and division among our people; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Nebraska Conference of the Free Methodist church now in annual session at Fremont, Nebraska, that we disclaim all responsibility for the incorporation or maintenance of either of the above institutions. And further, be it

Resolved, That, in view of the pressing demand for the support of our educational, publishing and missionary interests, together with our denominational orphanages and homes, that we affectionately warn our people, here and elsewhere, without careful investigation, against giving either countenance or support to either of the above institutions or any other enterprise not under our immediate denominational control.

APPOINTMENTS

LINCOLN DISTRICT—W. W. BRUCE, District Elder.

Lincoln.....	J. A. Finch, 1117 N. 30th St., Lincoln, Nebraska
Yutan and Bethel.....	R. F. Johnston, Yutan, "
Wahoo and Cresco.....	T. W. Rutledge, supply
Nebraska City.....	C. C. Cox, Nebraska City, Nebraska
Tecumseh.....	Charles Eoff, supply
Wymore.....	I. C. Grabill, Wymore, Nebraska
Belvidere.....	To be supplied
York.....	To be supplied

A. J. Houver, J. B. Davis, supernumerary; W. W. Harris, superannuated; P. H. Arlington, D. C. Sparks, given certificates of standing with view to transfer to another conference.

OMAHA DISTRICT—W. W. BRUCE, District Elder.

Omaha.....	O. L. Barnes, 1466 So. 16th St., Omaha, Nebraska
Louisville, La Platte and Weeping Water.....	A. S. McClure, Louisville, "
Blair, Elk City and Waterloo.....	E. E. Hatfield, Blair, "
Fremont.....	William McElfresh, supply, Cedar Bluffs, "

NORFOLK DISTRICT—E. BALLENGER, District Elder.

Norfolk.....	To be supplied
Birch and Meadow Grove.....	M. Hartsock
Fairview and Clay Ridge.....	J. J. Kelley, supply
Inman, South Valley and Orchard.....	W. T. Burns, supply
Concord, St. Peters and Norris.....	Minnie A. Beers, supply

J. E. Evans, supernumerary.

BUTTE DISTRICT—E. BALLENGER, District Elder.

Ainsworth.....	E. E. Dillon
Newport and Kirkwood.....	F. M. Temper, supply
Mills, Pine Camp and Lake View.....	L. E. Daily

Mt. Zion, Bonesteel and Shilo.....	L. M. Peff, supply
Butte, Riverside and Baker.....	L. E. Barnes, Butte, Nebraska
Lynch and Gross.....	H. Algor, Lynch, "
Leoni, Ray, Oelia and Sandy.....	F. J. Atkinson
Sidney Mills, supernumerary.	

LOCAL PREACHERS

F. W. Quass.....	Mead, Nebraska	J. V. Parks.....	Lincoln, Nebraska
W. W. Parrish.....	Nebraska City, "	J. M. Gant.....	Ceresco, "
H. D. Green.....	Butte, "	E. D. Applegate.....	Elgin, "
T. T. McCall, 2228 So. 6th St., Omaha, Nebraska.			

EVANGELISTS

L. Foreman.....	Basin, Nebraska	A. J. Everts.....	Bonesteel, Nebraska
T. B. Wilson.....	Elgin, "	M. Reed.....	Birch, "
N. J. Smith, 2538 S. 10th St., Omaha, "		Dora Gant.....	Ceresco, "
Rosa Bristol, 2421 Dodge St., Omaha, Nebraska.			
Stella White, 1116 Farnam St., Omaha, Nebraska.			
Mrs. O. L. Barnes, 1466 So. 16th St., Omaha, Nebraska.			
Mrs. Eleanor Finch, 1117 N. 90th St., Lincoln, Nebraska.			

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. JOHN WILSON.—Again we are called to mourn the loss of one of our number. Rev. John Wilson, who for the past six years has sustained the relation of traveling elder to this conference, has entered into rest. He was loyal to God and the church, and being blest with much of this world's goods, was a liberal supporter of the cause of Christ. We feel our loss, but realize it is his eternal gain. His end was triumphant.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

What we are mentally and spiritually depends very much upon the kind of literature we read. We look upon the press as one of the greatest agencies for good or evil in the present day; therefore, great care should be used in selecting the reading matter for our homes. The great tendency of this age of commercial enterprise is to secular reading. We recommend a more careful study of the Bible, and that we become the more intelligent as Free Methodists we urge that all our families be supplied with a copy of our excellent church paper. We are free to say that there is no other publication in the world so clear in its teaching on practical holiness, so decided in its position on all reforms as the *Free Methodist*.

Our publishing house is from year to year enlarging its stock of pure and wholesome books. We are glad to see an increasing interest in our publishing interests, and hope our people will heartily indorse and liberally patronize the same.

We also recommend to our people the *New Voice*, the official organ and national champion of prohibition. We protest against the patronage of papers and periodicals subsidized by the liquor traffic entering our homes, as they are, in fact, the insinuating agents, soliciting patronage for the same.

We further recommend the use of our Free Methodist Sunday-school literature to all our Sunday-schools and Sunday-school workers as the purest and most wholesome on the market.

We advise the distribution of such books among our people as the life of Roberts, La Due, etc., dealing as they do with the origin and development of our church.

We also advise the continuation of the "Reminiscences" by our senior superintendent, E. P. Hart, in the *Free Methodist*, and request the publication of the same in book form.

III.—ON EDUCATION.

We do not wish to unduly exalt mental training, nor do we wish to depreciate its value. We believe that education is a handmaid of our holy religion. Many of our most useful men have been men of broad education, and, in fact, had they not been such they never would have accomplished what they did for God and the church.

The more clearly we grasp the great underlying principles of life and its phenomena

the keener will be our appreciation and insight into the spiritual realm. We reaffirm the true Wesleyan idea of education of both soul and mind. The development of either one alone leads to an abnormal condition.

In our secular schools too often, if not altogether, the moral training of the child is neglected; his young feet are beset with perils—not only evil influences surround him, but in many instances his faith in God and Revelation is undermined, the Bible shut out, no prayer, no God. We are glad that our people are awaking to this fact, that if we would save our children to God and the church we should send them, if possible, to our Free Methodist schools. We are rejoiced that we have such institutions scattered over our broad land, and that they are available to so many of our people.

Among these schools that appeal to us for substantial aid and patronage we especially recommend Orleans Seminary, since we are in its patronizing territory; and we believe under its present management it is worthy of our aid, patronage and prayers. We welcome the new principal, Prof. N. B. Ghormley, who is present at the conference, and recommend that he be given an opportunity to present the needs of the institution. And we further recommend that this conference organize a board of education auxiliary to the general board of the church; also call the attention of our preachers to page 97, paragraph 234 of the Discipline:

"It shall be the duty of every pastor to preach on Christian education and to take a public collection once a year, in every congregation over which he presides, for general educational purposes."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
LINCOLN DISTRICT					\$ 313 12						
Lincoln			\$ 10 35		\$ 151 00	20 80	\$ 16 00	1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 800
Yutan and Bethel			47 84		362 74	64 00		2	2200	1	1000
Wahoo and Ceresco					75 00	55 25	75 00	1	1000	1	500
Nebraska City			20 43		249 55	37 99	18 06	1	1600		
Tecumseh					28 00	12 52					
Wymore			14 00		300 00	51 05	3 40	1	1000	1	500
York			5 00			33 56					
OMAHA DISTRICT					187 53						
Omaha			25 00		447 92	75 81		1	1600		
Louisville, LaPlatte, Weeping W.			31 02		198 56	36 60	23 60	2	2000		
Blair and Elk City			8 58		295 34	51 72		2	1100	1	600
Fremont and North Bend			10 14			23 40					
Waterloo											
NORFOLK DISTRICT					125 72						
Norfolk and Birch			11 00		20 00	33 25				1	500
Fairview, Clay Ridge, Petersburg			16 00		125 00	60 73	5 05				
Concord, St. Peters and Morris					35 25	30 57					
Oakdale											
BUTTE DISTRICT					298 87						
Inman, Orchard and South Valley					83 70	19 90	6 09			1	200
Lynch					31 36	34 02					
Mt. Zion, Butte and Riverside			22 00		306 77	112 77	97 10	2	2000	2	475
Lake View, Mills and Shilo					162 22	73 41	57 35	1	700	1	300
Newport					95 00	38 32					
Total			\$215 36		\$2967 21	\$865 67	\$301 65 14	14	\$14200	10	\$4875

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

LINCOLN, OMAHA, NORFOLK AND BUTTE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionaries
LINCOLN DISTRICT																		
Lincoln	E. Ballenger, District Elder	20		20	1		1			1	2 50	\$ 50	\$ 1 14	\$ 1 30	\$ 90	\$ 1 25		
Yutan and Bethel	R. P. Deiter	31	5	36	1		2	15	55	19	9 25	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	4 00	\$ 6 00	
Wahoo and Ceresco	R. W. Johnston	19	2	21	1		12	12	50	9	3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	1 80	14 36	
Nebraska City	F. C. Gabbil	25	3	28	1		1	8	30	10	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 40		
Recumseh	E. Ballenger	10	1	11						2	2 07	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	2 94		
Wymore	T. W. Rutledge	29	4	33	1		1	7	30	2	6 30	1 00	60	60		91		
York	E. Ballenger	12	2	14			1	6	20	2	1 20							
OMAHA DISTRICT																		
Omaha	E. Ballenger, District Elder	34	3	37	3		4	7	50	8	10 80	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	5 40		
Louisville, La Platte, Weeping Water	O. L. Barnes	34		34			2	10	66	5	6 20	4 32	3 60	2 60	1 40	1 80		
Blair and Elk City	A. S. McClure	24		24						5	5 00	2 50	2 60	3 00	2 48			
Fremont and North Bend	W. W. Bruce	9	1	10			1	4	20	2	2 70	1 62	1 35	1 35	90	1 35		
Waterloo	William McElfresh	3	3	6														
	E. E. Hatfield																	
*NORFOLK DISTRICT																		
Norfolk and Birch	J. A. Finch, District Elder	15		15	1		1	4	15	7	4 50	1 50	1 45	1 25	1 00	1 08		\$ 6 00
Fairview, Clay Ridge and Petersburg	J. A. Finch	13	1	14	2		1	11	30	6	3 05	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 70	3 85		
Concord, St. Peters and Morris	T. B. Wilson	8		8			1			2	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	1 20	2 00	
Oakland	Henry Allgor																	
BUTTE DISTRICT																		
Inman, Orchard and South Valley	J. A. Finch, District Elder	13		13						5	4 80	2 28	2 40	2 40	1 80	1 00		
Lynch	F. J. Atkinson	17	2	19			1			1	6 10	3 06	2 55	2 65	1 70	2 65		
Mt. Zion, Butte and Riverside	Lydia Corn	50	6	56	1		3	2	75	16	15 70	9 54	7 98	7 98	3 90	3 16	6 00	12 00
Lake View, Mills and Shilo	L. E. Barnes	26	4	30	1		2	1	4	25	5 10	3 06	2 68	2 65	1 70	1 62	1 25	21 37
Newport	D. Daily	10	2	12	1					3	2 00	1 80	1 20	1 20	75	1 30		
	E. E. Dillon																	
Total		402	39	441	12	15	19	103	490	108	\$97 27	\$55 96	\$45 54	\$46 70	\$29 93	\$33 81	\$29 61	\$39 37

*Home mission collected \$50.79.

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Session, held in Elsie, Michigan, September
24-27, 1902

OFFICERS

G. W. COLEMAN, President.
E. D. HARTLEY, Secretary. H. MONTGOMERY, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, F. J. Calkins, A. J. Stevens, Joseph Vincent.

On Church Literature—F. J. Calkins, William Rennie, John Terill.

To Receive General Mission Funds—H. Voorhess.

To Receive Foreign Mission Funds—W. H. Haight.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. E. Hosmer, W. J. Jackson.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Receive General Superintendents' Claim—M. L. Bovee.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Funds—G. W. Bedell.

To Receive Educational and Children's Funds—A. E. Warren.

On Sunday-schools—J. M. Green, C. H. Sage, Mary O'Neil, Emma L. Brown, Ella Bray.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. P. Burdett, N. M. Cooke, Bion Voorhess, J. Ebey.

On Reforms—W. G. Roe, W. T. Sumner, John Anderson.

On Education—O. L. King, S. Bartlett, W. H. Bartlett.

On the State of the Work—The district elders.

To Receive Funds for General Conference Delegates—D. M. Sriver.

On Ministerial Relations—E. Steer, S. G. Bartlett, H. Voorhess, William Slack, Albert Yates.

On Claimants and Claims—G. W. Coleman, W. W. Hoyt, M. De Voist, Albert Yates, D. P. Morse.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

M. L. Bovee, president; W. H. Iles, secretary; E. D. Hartley, treasurer; Albert Yates, Albert Kilbourne.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Edward Steer, M. L. Bovee, S. H. Porterfield.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

S. G. Bartlett, M. L. Bovee, C. H. Sage, C. D. Hoadley, S. H. Porterfield.

ORDER OF COLLECTONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

First quarter, General Missions and Home Missions; second quarter, Church Extension and Aid Society and a sum equal to ten cents per member for Marine City Mission; third quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. W. Hoyt,	M. De Voist,	F. J. Calkins,	E. Steer,
H. Montgomery,	H. Burse,	M. L. Bovee,	S. H. Porterfield,
E. D. Hartley,	W. Rennie,	J. W. Currier,	W. E. Hosmer,
S. Reed,	W. J. Jackson,	E. Barrett,	S. G. Bartlett,
W. H. Haight,	W. H. Iles,	H. Voorhess,	B. H. Green,
A. J. Stevens,	J. Burdett,	W. Rumley,	J. M. Green,
A. J. Cooper,	W. J. Hallead,	N. A. Davis,	N. M. Cooke,
W. G. Roe,	O. L. King,	B. F. Doolittle,	A. S. Stambaugh,
S. Johnson,	D. D. Marston,	G. Phetteplace,	A. E. Warren,
I. Mudge,	D. C. Embery,	J. N. Wilson,	E. Crippen,
W. T. Sumner,	Bion Voorhess,	A. J. Spencer,	M. Outhbert,
C. D. Hoadley,	E. D. Blackman,	C. H. Sage,	J. D. Bullock,
W. S. Haight,	S. S. Crandall,	R. R. Haight,	A. D. Warren,
G. W. Bedell,	A. Tice.		

DELEGATES

A. E. Kilbourne,	Albert Yates,	Emily Maxfield,	J. B. Ebey,
T. C. Hickey,	A. Walt,	W. H. Bartlett,	Susan Ribble,
U. O. Wilson,	John Terill,	B. L. Green,	Mary O'Neil,
Ralph Jacobs,	S. Laugh,	Lavilla Webster,	R. H. Dawson,
W. Knight,	H. Hiller,	J. Vincent,	K. Francisco,
J. Anderson,	D. M. Scriver,	O. H. Babcock,	E. Dexter,
A. Haight,	W. Bearden,	D. P. Morse,	E. M. Field,
T. F. Pringle,	W. Slack,	B. Ball,	A. Bray,
John Kirkbright,	J. Dewitt,	M. Frederick,	E. Cantley,
E. M. Brown,	A. G. Hyde,	A. E. Hoadley,	L. Williams,
N. Turner,	A. Hardy,	P. Tice,	E. Booth,
E. Johnson.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, W. W. Hoyt, M. De Voist, H. Montgomery, H. Burse, Albert Yates, Albert Kilbourne, D. P. Morse, S. Laugh.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. B. Call, Charles Caswell, Fred Crandall, James McMillan.

4. Who remain on trial? James Clink.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. R. Haight, M. E. Howard, A. D. Warren.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. Hosmer, W. J. Jackson, N. A. Davis, W. J. Hallead, E. Barrett, J. M. Green, E. Crippen, A. J. Cooper, S. S. Crandall, G. Phetteplace, A. E. Warren, G. W. Bedell, R. R. Haight, M. E. Howard, A. D. Warren.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders? None.

8. Who have located? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. H. Iles, E. Barrett, E. D. Blackman, C. D. Hoadley, E. Crippen, A. S. Stambaugh, A. J. Cooper.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? S. Johnson, J. W. Currier, C. H. Sage, J. A. Spencer, N. A. Davis, I. Mudge, W. S. Haight, D. C. Embery.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. Tice, an elder from the West Ontario conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? E. W. Harding, from the conference and church.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with view to transfer? F. A. Perkins.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? S. Johnson, \$90; W. S. Haight, \$80; C. H. Sage, \$150; I. Mudge, \$50; J. W. Currier, \$50; D. C. Embery, \$60; N. A. Davis, \$50; Hattie Bennett and one child, \$86. Total, \$616.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place is left for the district elders to appoint; the time as near the third Wednesday in September, 1903, as is convenient for the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT—E. STEER, District Elder.

St. Johns.....	M. Cuthbert
South Ovid.....	B. H. Green
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....	A. J. Stevens
Ithaca, Sickles and North Star.....	James Clink
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant.....	W. J. Hallead
Gaines, Linden and Swartz Creek.....	J. N. Wilson
Corunna and Owosso.....	P. S. Shoemaker
New Haven and Hazelton.....	J. M. Green
Locke, Perry and Fuller.....	W. J. Jackson
Livingston.....	C. Van Wagoner, supply
South Lyon, Silver Lake and Brighton.....	W. E. Hosmer
Lansing Mission.....	A. C. Glass, supply

S. Johnson, J. W. Currier, C. H. Sage, J. A. Spencer and N. A. Davis, superannuated;
W. H. Iles, E. Barrett, E. D. Blackman, C. D. Hoadley and B. F. Doolittle, supernumerary.

FLINT DISTRICT—F. J. CALKINS, District Elder.

Flint and Genesee.....	H. Montgomery
West Flint, Forest and Lennon.....	W. G. Roe
Holly and Germany.....	E. D. Hartley
Farrandville and Flushing.....	James P. Burdett
Elk and Albee.....	Moses Powell, supply
Davison and Goodrich.....	M. L. Bovee
Mayfield and Burnside.....	Robert Parker, supply
Amy, Brandon and Oxford.....	H. Voorhess
Washington and Ray.....	A. E. Warren
Otisville.....	C. H. Lee, supply
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett.....	George Phetteplace

E. Crippen, supernumerary.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—M. DE VOIST, District Elder.

Memphis and Richmond.....	S. H. Porterfield
Marine City Mission.....	F. L. Bennett, supply
Kimball.....	C. H. Bartlett, supply
Yale and Ball.....	D. D. Marston
Sanilac Center.....	M. E. Howard
Harbor Beach and Delaware.....	Bion Voorhess
Snover and Argyle.....	E. B. Call
Uby and Meade.....	A. Tice
Wilmot and Evergreen.....	I. M. McMillan
Caro and Akron.....	Fred Crandall
East Vassar.....	J. D. Bullock
Mayville.....	Charles Caswell
Saginaw Mission.....	W. H. Haight

I. Mudge, superannuated.

BAY CITY DISTRICT—H. BURSE, District Elder.

Bay City.....	R. R. Haight
West Bay City.....	O. L. King
Kawkawlin and North Williams.....	S. Reed
Fraser and Whitefeather.....	To be supplied

Gladwin and New Sanilac	W. T. Sumner
Porter, Wheeler, Bethany and Little Sault	A. D. Warren
Alpena and Long Lake	S. Bartlett
Wilson and Rayburn	G. Hungerford, supply
Rose City and Bell school-house	William Rennie
West Branch, Campbell's Corners and Edwards	G. W. Bedell
Maple Ridge and Melita	N. M. Cooke
Sterling, Moore's Junction and Aranac	William Mowery, supply
Alamando and Hope	Fred Parks, supply
Indian Mission	William Henry, supply
Beaverton	William Rumley

W. S. Haight, D. C. Embery, superannuated; A. S. Stambaugh, A. J. Cooper, superannumerary; W. W. Hoyt, left without appointment.

PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

W. W. Hoyt	Porter, Michigan	B. H. Green	Ovid, Michigan
A. J. Stevens	Elsie, "	H. Burse	Pontiac, "
J. Burdett	Olio, "	W. Rumley	Beaverton, "
F. J. Calkins	Montrose, "	J. M. Green	Owosso, F. R. D., "
Edward Steer	Corunna, "	A. J. Cooper	"
M. L. Bovee	Davison Station, "	W. J. Hallead	Racy, "
E. D. Hartley	Fenton, F. R. D. 2, "	A. S. Stambaugh	"
Wm. Rennie	Rose City, "	N. A. Davis	Burt, "
S. H. Porterfield	Memphis, "	N. M. Cooke	Maple Ridge, "
J. W. Currier	Spring Arbor, "	W. G. Roe	Flint, "
W. E. Hosmer	South Lyon, "	S. Reed	Cummings, "
B. F. Doolittle	Otisville, "	W. J. Jackson	Williamston, "
S. Johnson	"	E. Barrett	Brant, "
D. D. Marston	Yale, "	S. G. Bartlett	Alpena, "
G. Phetteplace	Hadley, "	W. H. Haight	Saginaw, W. S., "
A. E. Warren	Washington, "	W. H. Iles	Elsie, "
I. Mudge	Smith Creek, "	H. Voorhess	Amy, "
D. C. Embery	"	W. M. Mowery	Sterling, "
F. S. Parks	Alamando, "	M. E. Howard	Sanilac Center, "
J. N. Wilson	Gaines Station, "	E. Crippen	Otisville, "
W. T. Sumner	Gladwin, "	Bion Voorhess	Harbor Beach, "
J. A. Spencer	Corunna, "	M. Cuthbert	St. Johns, "
E. D. Blackman	Mason, "	C. H. Sage	Ovid, "
J. D. Bullock	Vassar, "	S. S. Crandall	"
W. S. Haight	Silverwood, "	C. D. Hoadley	Sickles, "
A. D. Warren	Porter, "	G. W. Bedell	West Branch, "
A. Tice	Uby, "	James Clink	Sickles, "
Charles Caswell	Mayville, "	C. C. Van Wagoner	Fowlerville, "
M. G. Powell	Elk, "	Robert Parker	Mayville, "
C. H. Lee	Otisville, "	F. L. Bennett	Marine City, "
C. H. Bartlett	Kimball, "	E. B. Call	Snover, "
J. H. McMillan	Wickware, "	Fred Crandall	Caro, "
H. Montgomery	728 Oak St., Flint, "	G. C. Hungerford	Dafoe, "

M. De Voist 713 Tingle Ave., Owosso, Michigan.
 O. L. King, 301 Spruce St., West Bay City, Michigan.
 R. R. Haight, 706 Lafayette Ave., Bay City, Michigan.
 A. C. Glass, 620 Smith St., Lansing, Michigan.

EVANGELISTS

Jane Wilson	Gaines Station, Michigan	Marion Rennie	Rose City, Michigan
Vinnie Caswell	Mayville, "	Anna L. Steer	Corunna, "
Maggie J. Sage	Ovid, "		

Elizabeth Dexter, Fowlerville, R. F. D., Michigan.

MISCELLANEOUS

The nineteenth session of our conference was held in the Baptist church in Elsie, Michigan, September 24-27, 1902. Five sittings were held.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary

seats: Rev. W. G. Lewis of the Ohio conference; Rev. B. Winget, missionary secretary; Rev. F. L. Baker, of the Michigan conference.

Perry Oaks of 517 South Fifth street, East Flint, Michigan, was appointed treasurer of Marine City church fund.

The conference ordered that a sum equal to fifteen cents per member be raised for conference missions, and that the following appropriations be made: To the district elder of Bay City district, \$75; to Saginaw Mission, \$25; to Marine City Mission, \$25; to the preacher going to Caro and Akron, \$15; to the pastor of Lansing Mission, \$15; to Sister Bennett, \$20.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON LITERATURE.

Literature, says Mr. Webster, is acquaintance with letters or books, and surely we should become acquainted with books; and as our time and means are limited our selections should be of the very best books. Without study we become non-progressive and stale, and fail to interest others, or even ourselves. Without the study of good books we become corrupt like our teachers. So as our books must of necessity be few, let them be those (and papers) of the purest possible quality, possessing the highest moral stamp; none others should be allowed a place on our tables or in our library, no more than a neat, careful housekeeper should allow filth to remain in or about the house. Yet how often do we find it otherwise; comparatively how replete are libraries and tables with books and papers at least questionable. It is no uncommon thing to find on tables, in music racks, about the musical instrument, even in ministers' houses, and that, too, to teach their children and household from sheets filled with waltzes and popular dances of this fast and fashionable age. There may also be found in these houses, novels, stories of fiction, often bearing religious titles, mixed with a smattering of religion but really deceptive and misleading. These books are fashionable and enchanting, and their name is—legion, but to our mind they are fearfully destructive to morals. All such songs, music and literature should be feared, hated and driven from our homes. Beside this there are many little independent papers published in our land, that are patronized by our people to the exclusion of our own church publications. This divides our means and attention and leaves only a part to push our work for God and souls. We would strongly urge upon our people the importance of making our own church literature their first choice in heart and home.

But we begin to ask, What shall we read? I answer, with a certain Bible teacher, "First, read the Bible." I repeat, "Read the Bible." And again, "Search the scriptures." "Study them topically." "Know what God says on every subject that concerns you, in time and eternity." This is indeed the Book of books. Then let us know what it teaches. Let us really drink down its truths, and fill our hearts and lives with its precepts. In order to this, let us carefully and prayerfully, with notes, practice its study each day, until our moral visage is conformed to the likeness of its blessed author.

Further, as Free Methodists, carefully study our Discipline. Let us know as a church what we believe, and why we believe it. It would be well, if possible, to place our book of Discipline in the hands of all our probationers with instruction to study it carefully. The Discipline is the highest recommend and strongest apology for our church.

Further, in our course of study for those entering the ministry, there are books which are of the highest moral type, and would be exceedingly helpful to the laity, as well as the ministry, a blessing to any honest inquirer after that knowledge that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. Then comes our excellent church paper, the *Free Methodist*. We are able, after receiving its weekly visits for nearly twenty-five years, almost without a single intermission, to recommend it as the family paper, without a peer. And let us urge just here, not only all those present here to-day, to subscribe, but let each one make himself a committee on every proper occasion to solicit and obtain subscribers for our church paper—the *Free Methodist*. Then the *Earnest Christian*, which for more than twenty years has made its monthly visit at our homes; it cannot be too highly recommended. Our Sabbath-school papers, if not superior to any that can be found, are fully equal, and seem with each issue to be growing in stature and favor with God and man. *Missionary Tidings* should come in for its proper share of our time, until we are fully acquainted with both the needs of our work in foreign lands, and those who labor there, until we become as deeply imbued with a missionary spirit as they.

If at any time you should grow sluggish, and inactive, and need a spiritual tonic, we would recommend as the very best that can be found, the *Olive Branch*, edited and published by Sister Everhart, of Chicago. If this paper will not stir your very soul to action, your case is well nigh hopeless. Subscribe for it at once.

And what shall we say more, for time would fail us to tell of the many excellent books, written under divine guidance, for our help. Then let us study and apply that truth which will enable us to get the most out of life and make us in this world the greatest blessing to the greatest number.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

The subject of education is an important one. We desire to speak first of education for our children; second, of education for the ministry.

1. We are living in an age when great attention is being given to learning. The masses are being educated and greatly enlightened mentally. Education has ever been a powerful factor in directing the affairs of men. Though there are many abuses of learning, we must recognize the advantage of an education when it is sanctified to God. Examples of this are seen in Moses, Paul, Luther, Wesley, Roberts, Redfield and others.

But education is not simply development of the mind and muscle, but of the spiritual nature of man as well. We believe in first looking after the interests of the soul, then taking care for the body and after that caring for the development of the intellect. In our public schools and institutions of learning this spiritual part—the one of most importance—is wholly neglected. The whole atmosphere of our public schools is conducive to infidelity. We deeply deplore the fact that the Bible is basely excluded through the damning influence of Romanism. No prayer is allowed—in fact God is entirely shut out. Many parents among us have found to their sorrow that these influences have wrought so powerfully on their children as to counteract all their godly instructions. Their children have thus been lost to the church and lost to God. Many religious schools have been established by the various denominations that apparently promise much better things. They use the Bible. They give it a prominent place in their studies. But they have so undermined the belief in its inspiration that its sacred histories are regarded as mere legends. It is esteemed a fine piece of literature, but not as inspired of God. In fact, this higher criticism, as it is called, is but refined infidelity of the worst kind.

We are glad to note the fact, however, that the Free Methodist church has some educational institutions that teach not only mental development, but pure and undefiled religion, by precept and example. The Bible is honored as God's direct word to man. A holy atmosphere pervades the institution that is well calculated to bring conviction to the sinner and a speedy conversion to God.

We note with pleasure that Spring Arbor Seminary, in our own State, is in better condition this year than ever before. The enrollment exceeds that of any previous year. Extensive repairs have been made and its capacity enlarged. Through the efforts of the financial agent, H. D. F. Gaffin, much has been accomplished toward relieving the financial strain, for which we praise God. Much help is needed yet, however, especially more students. We urge every Free Methodist family to stand by this school. 1. By giving to it of their means. 2. By sending their children there, even if great sacrifice is necessary. 3. By earnest prayer and supplication to God in its behalf. As a conference we invite Brother Gaffin to visit our circuits in the interests of the seminary. We further urge that each preacher hold at least one meeting this year on his circuit in behalf of Christian education, preaching on that subject and taking the required collection for educational purposes.

2. We believe in an educated ministry, for we must "study to show ourselves approved unto God." But we must beware of putting too much stress on mental attainments. We note that Christ in choosing his apostles passed by the members of the Sanhedrin and the scribes, and chose his ministers from the common people. Other churches have become wrecked right along the line of insisting upon scholarly attainments as a necessary qualification for the ministry until the smart men, though destitute of the power of God, have gained control and crowded out by rigid requirements in studies, the plain old preachers that were successful in getting men saved but who were lacking in mental attainments. We see such a tendency among us. We deplore the fact that already no man, though ever so successful in getting souls saved, can gain admission to our conferences unless he can pass almost an eighth grade examination in such subjects as geography, grammar, arithmetic, composition, etc., while the man who has been more favored with school privileges, though he has no particular success as a preacher, is let right in and given a seat of honor. If it be said that such men are used as supplies on our circuits, we reply that keeping such Holy Ghost men outside the conference makes it impossible for them ever to receive any superannuated claim in their old age or help for their families in the event of their death. And this class of men is the very class that will most need such help. They are in many cases driven to their farms or secular work and become lost to the work of God. While we believe that education is the qualification for the ministry next to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we do not believe in thus putting a premium on a secondary qualification and dishonoring and discouraging those whom God honors.

We deprecate the great hue and cry of this temporizing and worldly age; "Give us refined, educated and polished preachers—men that will "take" with the *élite* of society. We need to remember that "not many mighty, not many noble are called," but God has chosen "the poor of this world," and it was the common people that heard Christ gladly. We plead rather for preachers of fervent piety—men that will stand by the whole truth of God and declare it in love though the heavens fall—men that can prevail with God in prayer—men that are baptized with the Spirit of Christ and consumed with an unconquerable thirst for souls, souls, souls, which they must have or die.

We understand, however, that God places no premium on ignorance, and we strongly recommend that our ministers make thorough preparation for their pulpit ministrations. Erroneous doctrines and false issues abound everywhere. We need to know how to refute and expose them. As Adam Clarke said, "We need to study our sermons as though there was no God to help us; then preach our sermons as though there was nothing but God to depend upon."

III.—ON REFORMS.

We, your committee on reforms, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are glad to know that we, as a church, take an uncompromising stand against the current evils of society, such as the liquor traffic, Romanism, secret societies, Sabbath desecration, worldliness, etc. But, as the warning is ever and anon sounded against all these evils by almost every annual conference, we thought we might perhaps be excused if we passed these by with the mere mention of their names as monstrous evils, to notice more particularly, yet briefly, some questions upon which we believe we might with profit make some reform.

1. We fear there is too great a tendency among us to commit the sin of evil speaking. How many times division and dissension is brought in among us and the spirit of love and harmony is destroyed by this vile practice, born in the bottomless pit and sent on earth to destroy the work of the Lord. Well says the apostle James that "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell" (James 3:6). As a result of this hydra-headed evil, the Holy Spirit is grieved, and spiritual death and desolation reign in many places, while a reformation on this line would cause a return of the Dove of Peace and the parched and thirsty ground would become pools of water. We fear that our preachers, many times, neglect to read Wesley's sermon on evil speaking, as required by article 139 of section 11 of the Discipline. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as preachers and people, both by precept and example, use all our God-given powers to drive this evil from our midst, until the voice of the slanderer shall be heard no more in all our borders. We believe that a general and radical reform in this respect would be accompanied by such an outpouring of the Spirit of God as would make our hearts rejoice, the gates of hell tremble and the powers of darkness to give way before the on-march of Israel's host.

2. We fear there is not that degree of liberality among us in giving to the support of the gospel that there ought to be. We are glad to know that, according to statistics, we, as a church, give more according to our members than any other church in existence. Yet, we believe there is great need of an advance movement in this matter. We believe there are but few of our preachers who do not give at least one-tenth of their income to the Lord (and there ought to be none who do not). But we fear there are many of the lay members of our Zion who fail to measure up to the religion of a Pharisee in this particular. We believe that covetousness is one of the leading sins of the age; and the rock upon which many are driven by the winds of avarice and, making shipwreck of faith, go down in the whirlpool of worldliness to be forever lost to holiness and to God. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as preachers, urge upon our people the importance of being systematic in giving to the cause of God, and that they give at least one-tenth of their income to the support of the gospel.

3. We fear there is not that degree of the spirit of prevailing prayer among us that there ought to be. We fear we do not pray as much as the early Methodists did, when it was said of their preachers that they were known by the patches on the knees of their pants, covering the holes worn there by much kneeling in prayer. There were giants in those days when men used to wrestle with God whole nights in prayer, until, when they would try to rise from the frozen ground upon which they lay upon their faces, they would find their clothes frozen fast to the ground. Prayer is a mighty weapon placed in our hands which, if diligently used, will move the three worlds and will, without fail, bring us success in our warfare against sin. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a people, be more diligent in the practice of prayer and supplication, until we hear the mighty tread of Israel's God leading his armies forth to sure and certain victory.

We believe that a reformation along these and other lines would be accompanied by a greater outpouring of the Spirit of God and the sound of abundance of rain in all our borders.

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

* * * * * Believing our own Sunday-school literature to be the best in use, we recommend its use in all our schools. Our Sunday-school papers we regard as excellent, and we suggest the plan of having the children questioned on some of the articles contained therein which so suggestively bring out lessons in morals. This will not only more fully impress these lessons upon the minds, but will stimulate an interest in reading the papers. We would also advise the use of our Catechism in the Sunday-school, which, although it ought to be studied in the home, and may be to some extent, yet we

fear that it will not reach the point of usefulness among us that it ought unless it be through the school, we therefore recommend the devotion regularly of a few minutes to catechising the school, both old and young.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT						\$ 430 00					
St. Johns.....			\$ 22 80		329 00			1	\$ 3000	1	700
South Ovid.....						\$ 32 00		1	800		
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....			37 85		380 00	20 00	\$ 32 26	3	8000	1	1000
Ithaca and Sickles.....			16 43		225 18	54 50		2	1800		
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant.....			25 00		325 00	34 00		3	1500	1	500
Gaines, Linden and Swartz Creek.....		\$ 3 49	33 17		361 00	36 00		3	2100	1	600
Corunna, New Haven and Owosso.....			60 00		330 00	52 00	15 00	3	3500	1	500
Locke, Perry and Fuller.....			39 57		387 92	52 00		1	1000	1	500
Livingston.....			26 58		321 26	59 00	26 25	1	1000	1	700
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....			4 00	\$ 30	254 90	40 00	52 50	2	1500	1	400
Lansing and Williamston.....					252 77	28 00					
						16 00					
FLINT DISTRICT						440 00					
Flint and Genesee.....			28 64		461 93	36 00		2	1900	1	1800
West Flint, Forest and Lennon.....	\$ 48	2 97	26 70	25	435 86	46 00		3	5000	1	600
Holly and Germany.....		2 55	14 00		220 00	37 00	2 14	2	2200	1	600
Farrandville and Flushing.....			16 00		280 00	32 00		2	1000	1	150
Elk, Hazelton and Albee.....					371 00	47 00		2	2300	1	600
Davidson and Goodrich.....			16 00		375 00	44 00	24 00	2	1800	1	600
Lapeer, Attica and Goodland.....						24 00		1	900		
Amy, Brandon and Oxberd.....			37 00		403 88	33 00		2	1875	1	500
Washington and Ray.....			30 53		221 00	33 00		2	2000		
Otseville.....					335 86	44 00	6 69	1	1200	1	450
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett.....			6 28		298 65	32 00		1	1000	1	500
PORT MURON DISTRICT						403 34					
Memphis and Richmond.....			32 00		295 13	40 00		3	2400	1	500
Marline City mission.....			14 67	1 00	239 88	20 00	3 00	1	800	1	400
Kimball.....			13 04		228 00	24 00		1	400	1	300
Yale and Ball.....	1 57	1 47	37 79		397 58	42 00		2	1500	1	600
Harbor Beach and Delaware.....			11 12		328 98	46 00		2	2000	1	600
Ubyl and Meade.....			25 00		400 00	36 00		2	1525	1	500
Sanilac Centre.....	1 74		47 63		302 38	42 00		1	800	1	400
Snover and Cass River.....			67 24		303 50	42 00		2	1300	1	400
Wilmot and Evergreen.....			24 83		262 39	26 00	35 00	1	500		
Caro and Akron.....						20 16		2	1400	1	250
Mayville.....	1 00				360 00	30 00		1	800	1	500
East Vassar.....			6 50		35 00	11 93					
Saginaw mission.....			23 15		312 37	20 00		1	600		
BAY CITY DISTRICT						465 00					
Bay City mission.....			20 00		320 00	19 00		1	1600	1	300
West Bay City.....			21 29		360 00	20 00	1 00	1	800	1	500
Cummings and Kawkawlin.....			8 56		333 96	29 00		2	1000	1	500
Pinconning.....			10 83		159 24	20 00					
Gladwin and Beaverton.....			20 00		208 04	28 00		1	800		
Porter, Wheller and Bethany.....			62 80		255 00	37 00	8 95	3	1800	1	400
Alpena and Long Lake.....			19 00		362 00	34 00		1	1200	1	600
Wilson and Rayburn.....			16 00		350 00	34 00		2	800	1	400
Rose City and Bell school-house.....			25 00		387 83	36 00		1	1000	1	600
Campbell's Corners and Edwards.....			26 50		225 00	26 00		1	800	1	400
Maple Ridge and Melita.....			14 57		300 00	30 00	6 20	2	2000	1	270
Sterling and Moore's Junction.....			9 00		180 26	20 00		1	500	1	150
Alamando and Hope.....			7 09		231 60	20 75		1	500	1	500
Indian mission.....					12 67	16 00					
Total.....	\$4 79	\$10 48	\$1004 26	\$1 55	15470 36	\$1193 34	\$212 99/75		\$65000 38		\$9820 1

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ST. JOHNS AND FLINT DISTRICTS

CHARGE	FREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT																		
St. Johns.....	H. Montgomery, Dist. Elder	26	2	28	1	1	1	11	60	8	\$ 10	\$ 4 96		\$ 4 25	\$ 1 58	\$ 4 05		
South Ovid.....	M. Cathbert.....	65	9	73	6	1	3	27	160	13	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Elsie, Ovid.....	H. Montgomery.....	20	3	23	1	1	1	9	30	11	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Itasca and Eureka.....	N. M. Sepleins.....	48	2	50	2	1	1	11	60	10	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Chata and Sticks.....	N. M. Sepleins.....	20	3	23	1	1	1	9	30	11	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Ganey, Racy, Fergus and Brant.....	W. J. Hallett.....	57	6	62	2	1	2	18	65	12	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Carter, Liden and Sward Creek.....	W. J. Hallett.....	59	6	65	4	2	3	18	65	12	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Corning, New Hope and Owosso.....	W. G. Green.....	69	4	73	1	1	2	18	100	24	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Livingston and Fuller.....	W. J. Jackson.....	62	1	63	1	1	1	9	68	12	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....	W. E. Hosmer.....	16	3	19	1	1	1	6	16	9	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Lansing and Williamston.....	A. E. Thomas.....	10	3	13	1	1	1	6	16	9	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
	C. A. Glass.....	10	3	13	1	1	1	6	16	9	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
FLINT DISTRICT																		
Flint and Genesee.....	W. W. Hoyt, District Elder	40	5	45	1	1	1	9	60	7	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
West Flint, Forest and Lennon.....	E. Steer.....	27	1	28	1	1	1	15	68	15	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Holly and Germany.....	H. L. Bovee.....	26	3	29	1	1	1	7	40	8	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Harlandville and Fushing.....	H. Voorness.....	32	1	33	1	1	1	24	40	6	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Elk, Hazelton and Albee.....	James Burdett.....	67	2	69	1	1	1	25	118	6	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Davidson and Good.....	A. J. Bartlett.....	35	1	36	1	1	1	6	16	6	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Lapeer, Attica and Godland.....	A. J. Bartlett.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	6	16	6	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Amey, Brandon and Oxford.....	Robert Parker.....	38	5	43	2	2	2	12	100	6	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Wassington and Ray.....	W. H. Haight.....	21	1	22	1	1	1	15	50	3	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Oraville.....	George Pietteplace.....	61	1	62	1	1	1	6	30	4	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett.....	C. H. Lee.....	97	2	99	1	1	1	6	30	3	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50
	J. S. Clink.....	97	2	99	1	1	1	6	30	3	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 08		9 60	6 60	9 60	\$40 0	\$ 1 50

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

PORT HURON AND BAY CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Rev. Methodist" taken	Conference Claim	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	
PORT HURON DISTRICT																		
	M. De Voist, District Elder																	
Memphis and Richmond	S. H. Porterfield	41	5	46	2	20	70	8	13 30	7 38	6 15	8	6 15	4 10	6 15	8 00		
Marine City mission	C. H. Bartlett	16	2	18	1	8	40	6	3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	1 20	1 80			
Kimball	N. A. Davis	27	4	31	1	10	35	11	7 20	4 32	3 60	3 60	3 60	2 40	3 60	14 38	9 84	
Yale and Ball	J. N. Wilson	42	6	48	1	1	100	11	11 40	6 84	5 70	4 60	4 60	3 00	4 90	4 81	30 35	
Harbor Beach and Delaware	Blon Voorhes	38	1	39	1	2	10	40	9 00	12 90	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	4 45		1 25	
Uby and Meade	Alpheus Ice	40	13	53	1	1	11	72	6	12 90	7 74	6 45	6 45	3 90	5 82	4 08	23 48	
Sanilac Centre	M. E. Howard	38	10	48	3	2	25	125	4	11 77	7 02	6 85	6 85	4 40	6 60			
Snover and Cass River	E. E. Call	46	8	53	3	4	28	140	12	13 20	8 69	6 60	6 60	4 40	6 60			
Winnot and Evergreen	J. H. McMillan	49	12	61	1	2	13	54	2	3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	60	56			
Caro and Akron	M. De Voist	11	11						8 90	3 60	4 65	3 10	4 65	2 56	2 56		1 00	
Mayville	A. S. Stambaugh	28	2	30	1	7	20	1	5 10	3 06	2 25	2 25	2 25	1 70	2 50			
East Vassar	M. De Voist	12	12		1	8	40	4	6 90	4 14	3 45	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 45			
Saginaw mission	A. E. Warren	27	7	34	1	1												
BAY CITY DISTRICT																		
	H. Burse, District Elder																	
Bay City mission	R. R. Haight	30	8	38	1	7	60	2	4 60	2 70	4 95	3 30	2 25	1 50	2 25		4 15	
West Bay City	O. L. King, L. J. King, supply	21	2	23	1	6	30	6	6 60	3 96	3 30	3 30	3 30	2 20	3 30		15 10	
Cummings and Kawawlin	Samuel Reed	16	3	19	1	1	6	38	14 40	3 60	7 20	2 85	2 85	1 00	2 85			
Pinconning	J. D. Bullock	46	3	49	1	6	35	2	6 70	3 42	9 25	9 25	9 25	1 60	9 25			
Bladwin and Beaverfon	William Rumley	33	4	37	2	8	30	7	12 21	17 70	17 70	17 70	17 70	9 00	17 70			
Porter, Wheeler and Bethany	A. D. Warren	64	6	70	1	2	160	38	18 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	2 85	1 80	2 85			
Alpena and Long Lake	F. C. Catkins	27	2	29	1	2	16	60	9 90	8 90	8 90	8 90	8 90	4 85	8 90			
Wilson and Kalamazoo	G. C. Hunsford	30	3	33	1	2	19	70	7 80	5 40	4 68	4 68	4 68	3 10	4 68			
Rose City and Bell school houses	William Remie	28	14	42	1	2	12	75	2	7 80	5 40	4 68	4 68	3 10	4 68	9 30		
Campbells Corners and Edwards	G. W. Bedell	33	13	46	1	2	24	70	6	13 10	8 10	6 75	6 75	1 70	6 75			
Maple Ridge and Melita	B. R. Doelittle	51	11	62	1	1	7	38	5 10	3 06	2 55	2 55	2 55	1 80	2 55			
Sterling and Moore's Junction	William Mowery	36	13	49	1	1	7	25	1 50	3 24	2 70	2 70	2 70	1 15	2 70			
Almaden and Hope	Fred S. Parks	19	5	24	1	1				90	76	76	76					
Indian mission	William Henry	5	5		6													
Total		1679	209	1888	26	12	73	639	951	275	\$468 73	\$252 31	\$252 31	\$237 38	128 71	240 70	\$142 13	\$135 44

NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-ninth Annual Session, held at Allentown, Pennsylvania,
September 24-27, 1902

OFFICERS

W. A. SELLEW, President.

J. T. LOGAN, Secretary.

W. R. TAMBLYN, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, C. O. Schantz.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—A. H. Michael.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. J. Santmier, A. W. Myer.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—W. A. Sellew, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins,
C. O. Schantz, W. H. Sands.

Conference Tellers—C. A. Kress, J. D. Howard.

Conference Treasurers—J. Wintsch, C. F. Wurster.

On Reforms—D. J. Santmier, W. Gould, J. T. Michael.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—J. T. Logan.

On Education—E. Freeman.

On Publications—W. B. Rose.

On Sunday-schools—W. Gould.

On the State of the Work—A. G. Miller.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

O. D. Seward, president; H. W. Armstrong, secretary; W. B. Bertels, treasurer;
A. G. Miller, O. V. Ketels.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

A. G. Miller, president; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; A. W. Myer, secretary; G. Eakins,
C. O. Schantz.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. Eakins, president; E. Freeman, secretary; A. G. Miller.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Gould,
C. F. Wurster,
D. J. Santmier,
O. D. Seward,
J. E. Payne,
M. B. Myer,

S. V. Mc Vey,
J. Wintsch,
A. G. Miller,
W. H. Laning,
A. W. Myer,
E. Freeman,

O. T. Ketels,
J. W. Tamblyn,
W. B. Rose,
J. Cavanaugh,
W. R. Tamblyn,
S. E. Davies.

G. Eakins,
J. T. Michael,
J. T. Logan,
H. W. Armstrong,
C. M. Sanford,

DELEGATES

A. H. Michael,
O. H. Stahl,
L. E. Barriger,
D. M. Thomas,
L. Smith,

E. Kindred,
A. Swingle,
C. A. Kress,
W. H. Sands,
H. Pedlar,

A. Leibrock,
A. Sergeant,
D. W. Kintner,
E. D. Prentice,
J. R. Mathews,

W. Mosedale,
C. O. Schantz,
H. Bradenhope,
J. D. Howard,
S. H. Walter.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins,
C. O. Schantz, W. H. Sands.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. M. Bertels, C. A. Kress, B. A. Scull.
4. Who remain on trial? A. Santmier.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? S. E. Davies.
6. Who are the deacons? S. E. Davies, ordained this year.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. H. Laning, S. V. Mc Vey, E. Freeman.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? None.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. Wintsch.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, as near the second or third Wednesday in September, 1903, as will suit the convenience of the superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

NEW YORK DISTRICT—G. EAKINS, District Elder.

Brooklyn.....	To be supplied
New York.....	C. F. Wurster
Newark.....	O. V. Ketels
Elizabeth.....	To be supplied
Dover and Amity.....	M. B. Myer
Liberty Falls, Briscoe, Egypt and Berrybrook.....	O. D. Seward
Big Hollow and North Settlement.....	J. E. Payne
Allaben.....	A. E. Haviland, supply
Port Clinton and Milford.....	E. S. Wolfe, supply

W. B. Rose, assistant publishing agent.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—G. EAKINS, District Elder.

Philadelphia, West Philadelphia and Vineland.....	D. J. Santmier
Pleasant Hill.....	A. Santmier
Havre de Grace.....	A. Sergeant, supply
Alexandria and Washington.....	J. W. Tamblin
Avery, Lay Hill, Rockville and Spencerville.....	C. A. Kress

J. T. Michael, evangelist; W. H. Laning, supernumerary.

WILKES BARRE DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder.

Wilkes Barre and Dorranceton.....	J. T. Logan
Orange, Harvey's Lake, Vernon and Plattsburg.....	I. Sutton, supply
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, Meshoppen and Russel Hill.....	W. R. Tamblin
Waverly, Scranton and Highland.....	W. Gould
White Haven and Beaumont.....	J. Cavanaugh
Beech Lake and Berlin.....	A. M. Bertels
Canaan, Ariel and Pink.....	S. E. Davies
Allentown.....	M. B. Myer
Phillipsburg.....	To be supplied

C. M. Sanford, supplying work in Susquehanna conference; S. V. Mc Vey and E. Freeman, supernumerary; J. Wintch, given certificate of standing.

WINDSOR DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder.

Windsor and East Windsor.....H. W. Armstrong
 Bainbridge, Unadilla and Portlandville.....To be supplied
 Ararat, Steven's Point, Oquaga Lake, Kenyon Hill and West Preston, R. C. Smith, supply
 Uniondale.....A. H. Smith, supply
 Lake Como, Stanton Hill, Kingsbury Hill, Babbitsville, Equinunk and Sherwoods.....B. A. Scull
 Walton.....L. E. Barriger, supply
 Baxter Brook.....To be supplied

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

Year of Admission into full connection.	Name.	Address.
1863	W. Gould.....	Windsor, New York
1872	S. V. Mc Vey.....	Hollisterville, Pennsylvania
1874	O. V. Ketels.....	249 Belmont Ave., Newark, New Jersey
1876	G. Eakins.....	103 Walnut St., Colwyn, Pennsylvania
1877	C. F. Wurster.....	14 Utica Ave., Brooklyn, New York
1878	J. Wintch.....	173 South Orange Ave., Newark, New York
1878	J. W. Tambllyn.....	Alexandria, Virginia
1879	J. T. Michael.....	Vineland, New Jersey
1880	D. J. Santmier.....	" " "
1881	A. G. Miller.....	110 Bullman St., Phillipsburg, " "
1882	W. B. Rose.....	14 North May St., Chicago, Illinois
1885	J. T. Logan.....	13 Academy St., Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
1885	O. D. Seward.....	124 Sixteenth St., Brooklyn, New York
1887	W. H. Laning.....	1307 Race St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1890	J. Cavanaugh.....	White Haven, "
1892	H. W. Armstrong.....	Waverly, "
1893	J. E. Payne.....	Big Hollow, New York
1896	A. W. Myer.....	444 Turner St., Allentown, Pennsylvania
1896	W. R. Tambllyn.....	Tunkhannock, "
1896	C. M. Sanford.....	Ithaca, New York
1898	M. B. Myer.....	Dover, New Jersey
1898	E. Freeman.....	Orange, " "
1902	S. E. Davies.....	Simon, Wayne county, Pennsylvania
ON TRIAL.		
1901	A. Santmier.....	Pleasant Hill, Maryland
1902	C. A. Kress.....	Rockville, "
1902	B. A. Scull.....	Lake Como, Pennsylvania
1902	A. M. Bertels.....	Beech Lake, "

EVANGELISTS

*Mrs. Mary E. Santmier, Vineland, New Jersey
 *Mrs. Ellen M. Reed, Waymart, Pennsylvania
 Mrs. Nellie M. Payne, Big Hollow, New Jersey
 Mrs. Lulu Pantley, Milford, Pennsylvania
 Mrs. Fanny Peverill, Alexandria, Virginia
 *Mrs. Lucy Martin, Lake Como, Pennsylvania.
 *Mrs. Mattie A. Shaffer, White Haven, Pennsylvania.
 *Mrs. Emily Dickson, 5507 Hunter Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 Mrs. Louisa A. Smith, 197 Avenue A., New York.

LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

W. B. Bertels....Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
 A. Sergeant.....Wilmington, Delaware
 J. T. Smith.....Alexandria, Virginia
 G. W. Swingle, South Canaan, Pennsylvania

*Licensed by annual conference.

LOCAL PREACHERS—DEACONS

B. G. Ely...Pink, Wayne Co., Pennsylvania	E. D. Prentice....Starrucca, Pennsylvania
A. R. Henry.....Philadelphia, “	D. M. Thomas.....Milford, “
W. W. Bartholomew....Ferndale, New York	E. S. Wolfe.....“
E. F. Dewey.....Walton, “	M. A. Parker.....Hamilton, New York

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

James Nichols.....Orson, Pennsylvania	W. J. Barnes...Beech Lake, Pennsylvania
B. C. Fuller.....Scranton, “	A. H. Kresge..Wilkes Barre, “
I. Parker.....Avery, Maryland	P. R. Phillips..Hopbottom “
W. H. Sands.....Dover, New Jersey	F. B. Sanford....Deposit, New York
A. Smith.....Uniondale, New York	B. F. Schantz....Allentown, Pennsylvania
C. McKinney.....Simon, Pennsylvania	A. Wattrous.....Occanum, New York
V. C. Ketels, 155 Thirty-first St., Brooklyn, New York.	
J. Q. Tompkins, 364 Eighteenth St., Brooklyn, New York.	

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

Isaac Sutton.....Orange, Pennsylvania	Charles Syreen....Liberty, New York
J. D. Howard.....Windham, New York	M. Mosedale.....Washington, D. C.
Benjamin Armstrong, Vineland, New Jersey	R. C. Smith....Uniondale, Pennsylvania
U. D. Barber.....Springville, Pennsylvania	J. W. Wetherill...Waverly, “
J. C. Sanford.....Island Pond, “	Z. A. Swingle..Mount Cobb, “
George Brazee.....Walton, New York	George Peverill.....Alexandria, Virginia
William Downs....Kingston, Pennsylvania	G. O. Tambllyn.....Hamilton, New York
S. O. Watson.....White Haven, “	
R. P. Johnston, 128 Nineteenth St., Brooklyn, New York.	
J. W. Gould, 246 Fourteenth St., Brooklyn, New York.	

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-ninth session of the New York conference was held at Allentown, Pennsylvania, September 24-27, 1902. General Superintendent W. A. Sellw presided. Four sittings were held.

C. O. Schantz, layman, was elected to represent the Wilkes Barre and Windsor districts on the stationing committee, and W. H. Sands to represent the New York and Philadelphia districts.

A. G. Miller and G. Eakins were re-elected traveling district elders.

S. E. Davies was ordained deacon on Sunday.

A. G. Miller and J. T. Logan were elected ministerial delegates to the general conference, and G. Eakins and W. B. Rose, reserves. C. O. Schantz and W. B. Bertels were elected lay delegates and A. Sergeant and A. H. Michael, reserves.

The collections were ordered to be taken in the following order: First, quarter, Conference Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Salaries; third quarter, Superannuated; fourth quarter, General Missions and Church Extension.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the efficient and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference; to the pastor, trustees and members of the Bethany United Evangelical church for the use of their edifice in which the conference was held; to the people of Allentown for hospitality shown; to the press of the city for kindly notices of the proceedings, and to E. Freeman, who reported for the press.

Rev. J. H. Shirey, pastor of Bethany United Evangelical church, Rev. T. F. Tabler, of the New Testament Society, were introduced to the conference, and, with W. B. Bertels, Mrs. C. Fairchild, Mrs. W. A. Sellw, W. A. Miller, W. C. Bonsal and those who had been supplying circuits during the year, were invited to honorary seats.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—Raised and forwarded to S. K. J. Chesbro, \$22.35.

CONFERENCE CLAIMS AND CLAIMANTS.—Appropriation for next year: Elizabeth McDougall, \$75; Emma Haviland and children, \$75; Maggie Scull, \$97. Total, \$247.

MISSIONARY BOARD TREASURER.—Receipts, \$431.54.

Paid E. Freeman, \$500. Due treasury, \$68.66.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.—Received for Conference Claimants, \$315.30; General Superintendents, \$189.18; Church Extension, 90.55; Conference Missions, 235.70; General Missions, \$157.65; General Conference Delegates, \$157.65; Educational, \$7.08; Children's Fund, \$15.15; Foreign Missions, \$232.78. Total, \$1401.04.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Brooklyn	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 100 98	.....	\$ 751 93	.....	.....	1	\$ 9000	1	\$ 300
New York	1 50	1 50	45 00	.....	410 00	.....	.....	1	18000	.....	.....
Newark	50	50	75 00	\$ 1 00	760 00	.....	.....	1	4000	1	1500
Elizabeth .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dover and Amity .....	.....	.....	32 00	.....	424 25	.....	.....	1	4000	.....	.....
Liberty Falls, Briscoe, etc .....	.....	.....	31 83	.....	560 27	.....	.....	1	2000	1	1500
Big Hollow and North Settlement .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	310 97	.....	.....	.....	1300	1	1000
Allaben and Pine Hill .....	.....	.....	20 84	.....	160 17	.....	11 44	1	1400	.....	.....
Port Clinton, Port Jervis, etc. ....	.....	.....	18 58	.....	211 34	.....	.....	1	1200	.....	.....
Philadelphia, W. Phil., Vineland ..	.....	.....	42 75	.....	519 29	.....	.....	2	7000	1	1500
Pleasant Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00	.....	.....	1	800	.....	.....
Havre de Grace .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	449 65	.....	.....	1	1500	.....	.....
Alexandria and Washington .....	.....	.....	22 31	.....	318 45	.....	.....	1	500	.....	.....
Avery, Lay Hill, etc. ....	.....	5 00	19 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Wilkes Barre and Dorranceton .....	.....	4 00	68 00	.....	700 00	.....	.....	1	9000	.....	.....
Orange, Harvey's Lake, etc .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25	.....	.....	1	1500	.....	.....
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, etc	1 13	.....	26 22	.....	462 38	.....	.....	3	2500	1	375
Waverly, Scranton and Highland ..	.....	.....	15 00	.....	378 00	.....	.....	2	2400	.....	.....
White Haven .....	.....	.....	13 00	32	250 57	.....	.....	1	800	.....	.....
Beaumont .....	.....	.....	9 45	.....	26 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beech Lake and Berlin .....	.....	.....	12 50	.....	318 00	.....	.....	1	1800	1	.....
Canaan, Ariel and Pink .....	.....	.....	12 88	.....	265 39	.....	.....	1	1500	1	350
Allentown .....	.....	.....	40 09	.....	601 38	.....	.....	1	3500	.....	2000
Phillipsburg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1500	.....	.....
Windsor, East Windsor, etc. ....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	416 69	.....	.....	1	2000	1	900
Unadilla and Portlandville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ararat, Stevens Point, etc. ....	.....	75	1 50	8 72	202 00	.....	.....	1	800	.....	.....
Uniondale	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	700	.....	.....
Lake Como, Scranton Hill, etc. ....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	351 89	.....	.....	2	1200	.....	.....
Walton and Baxter Brook	1 15	1 65	30 05	.....	382 14	.....	.....	1	1200	.....	.....
New York, Philadelphia Districts, George Eakins, District Elder .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 905 04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkes Barre, Windsor Districts, A G. Miller, District Elder .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	896 94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Freeman, conference missionary	500 00
Total	\$7 08	\$15 15	\$661 70	\$1 82	\$9278 18	\$2301 98	\$11 44 30	\$80300	9	\$12125	

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New York	C. F. Wurster	30	3	33	1	1	1	10	40	6	8 70	5 22	7 25	4 33	2 90	4 35	40 14	40 14
Newark	C. V. Ketels	33	2	35	1	1	1	10	80	7	8 70	5 38	7 25	4 33	3 10	4 35	52 51	52 51
Elizabeth	M. E. Myer	29	1	30	1	1	1	8	25	4	2 40	6 44	6 25	1 20	7 70	5 25	28 25	28 25
Dover and Amity	M. W. Amblynn	69	2	71	2	2	2	14	102	12	11 10	12 60	17 25	6 20	7 70	10 50	10 50	10 50
Liberty Falls, Briscoe, etc.	M. A. Parker, supply	80	2	82	1	1	1	7	42	1	8 40	5 04	7 00	4 30	9 80	4 50	4 50	4 50
Rig Hollow and North Settlement	Nelle Payne, supply	21	5	26	2	2	2	12	42	7	8 70	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	4 35	4 35	4 35
Albany and Pine Hill	D. M. Thomas, supply	21	5	26	2	2	2	12	42	7	8 70	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	4 35	4 35	4 35
Port Clinton, Fort Jervis, etc.		21	5	26	2	2	2	12	42	7	8 70	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	4 35	4 35	4 35
Philadelphia, West Phila., Vineland	D. J. Santmier	35	3	38	2	2	2	7	35	4	13 20	7 92	11 00	6 60	4 40	2 10	15 00	15 00
Pleasant Hill		15	1	16	1	1	1	3	20	1	2 20	7 70	5 00	30	20	2 10	2 10	2 10
Havre de Grace	J. Cavanaugh	54	9	63	3	2	1	5	40	5	13 50	8 10	11 25	6 75	4 50	6 75	4 89	4 89
Alexandria, Washington	C. A. Kress, supply	76	9	85	1	3	3	9	65	12	21 30	13 14	7 30	10 85	7 30	10 95	4 89	4 89
Avery, Lay Hill, etc.																		
Wilkes Barre and Dorrance	J. T. Logan	56	10	66	4	2	17	115	5	3	12 30	7 38	10 50	6 15	4 10	6 15	15 64	15 64
Orange, Harvey's Lake, etc.	I. Sutton, supply	20	1	21	2	1	13	65	10	3	7 60	4 50	4 38	10 50	7 00	10 50	15 64	15 64
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, etc.	H. W. Armstrong	64	6	70	1	2	4	40	9	5	21 00	12 60	17 50	10 50	7 00	10 50	15 64	15 64
Waverly, Scranton and Highland	S. D. Molter, supply	44	2	46	2	1	4	40	9	5	5 71	4 44	10 75	6 45	2 70	1 80	2 16	2 16
White Haven	A. Santmier	32	13	45	2	1	6	65	5	5	5 40	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	2 70	2 16	2 16
Beaumont	M. A. Shaffer, supply	7	9	16	1	1	4	26	1	1	1 80	1 08	1 50	90	60	3 21	3 21	3 21
Beech Lake and Berlin	J. Wintsch	25	2	27	1	2	15	60	4	4	6 30	3 78	5 25	3 15	2 10	3 21	4 00	4 00
Canaan, Ariel and Pink	W. Gould	44	2	46	3	1	6	64	9	8	14 40	8 64	12 00	7 20	4 80	7 20	4 00	4 00
Albion	C. M. Sanford	49	4	53	1	1	8	60	8	8	12 30	7 38	10 25	6 15	4 10	6 15	35 00	35 00
Phillipsburg		5	5	10	1	1	1	8	60	1	2 40	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	1 20	1 20	1 20
Windsor, East Windsor, etc.	A. W. Myer	48	1	49	1	2	5	15	10	10	13 80	8 28	11 50	6 90	1 65	1 20	1 24	1 24
Unadilla, and Portlandville		7	7	14	1	2	9	60	13	2	2 40	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	1 20	1 24	1 24
Ararat, Stevens Point, etc.	E. D. Prentice, supply	52	4	56	2	2	9	60	13	2	13 00	9 90	13 75	3 25	70	5 55	1 25	1 25
Uniondale		7	7	14	1	2	12	56	7	3	2 10	1 26	1 75	1 05	4 34	1 05	1 25	1 25
Lake Como, Stanton Hill, etc.	S. E. Davies	63	3	66	1	1	12	56	7	5	12 74	7 70	10 64	6 44	3 30	6 44	11 58	11 58
Walton and Baxter Brook	L. E. Barriger, supply	34	18	52	2	1	10	50	5	5	9 90	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	4 95	11 58	11 58
Raised at conference											24 45	12 90		17 31	7 16	21 76		
Total		1030	108	1138	38	9 35	205	1275	164	164	\$315 80	\$189 18	\$255 70	\$157 65	\$90 55	\$157 65	\$175 77	\$119 38

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-second Annual Session, held at Corning, New York,
September 17-21, 1902.

OFFICERS

W. A. SELLEW, President.

M. H. KENDRICK, Secretary.

W. H. CLARK, C. J. TAFT, W. E. SITZER, Assistant Secretaries.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellaw, M. H. Kendrick, S. Murdock, H. W. Fish.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—M. S. Babcock.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Reforms—M. N. Downing, L. Kelly, C. J. Taft.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellaw, W. H. Clark, M. H. Kendrick, C. A. Lowell, J. Dickinson.

On Education—H. L. Crockett, O. M. Owen, C. H. Hudson, L. N. Wilson.

On Publications—O. M. Owen, T. Whiffen, M. N. Downing, W. Finch.

On Sunday-schools—W. E. Sitzer, F. S. Shaw, E. E. Pennock, C. H. Hudson.

On State of the Work—W. H. Clark, M. H. Kendrick, F. W. Cathey, J. Dickinson, C. A. Lowell.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. C. Stanton, H. A. Webster, G. L. Skinner, J. H. Gramps.

To Receive Funds for General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—O. O. Burley.

To Receive Funds for Conference Claimants—W. E. Sitzer.

To Receive General Superintendents' Funds—F. S. Shaw.

To Receive Funds for Conference, Foreign and General Missions—E. N. Jenks, W. Hannibal, J. A. Tholens.

To Receive Funds for Church Extension—C. A. Lowell.

To Receive Children's and Educational Funds—G. L. Skinner.

To Nominate Chairmen of Committees for Next Year—O. M. Owen, F. W. Cathey, T. Whiffen.

On Memoirs—M. N. Downing, F. W. Cathey, T. Whiffen.

Conference Treasurer—W. H. Clark.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. H. Clark, C. A. Lowell, O. M. Owen, W. J. Riker, J. Callier.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

H. W. Fish, C. W. Stevens, William Finch, term expires 1903.

W. E. Sitzer, O. M. Owen, H. A. Rhodes, term expires 1904.

W. H. Clark, O. P. Ray, Z. Osborne, term expires 1905.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

M. H. Kendrick, for three years; W. H. Clark, secretary, for two years; T. Whiffen, president, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—D. C. Stanton.

On Education—O. N. Frink.

On Sunday-schools—C. H. Hudson.

On Publications—M. H. Kendrick.

On State of the Work—F. W. Cathey.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

M. N. Downing,	J. Olney,	Z. Osborne,	J. B. Stacy,
J. W. Sawyer,	T. Whiffen,	O. M. Owen,	Levi Kelly,
J. D. Osmun,	L. S. King,	W. H. Clark,	A. Smith,
W. Crossman,	O. N. Frink,	D. C. Stanton,	W. J. Riker,
J. A. Tholens,	T. C. Givens,	F. J. Dunham,	O. S. Baker,
F. W. Cathey,	M. H. Kendrick,	D. W. Clark,	W. E. Sitzler,
M. S. Babcock,	W. E. Stuart,	C. H. Hudson,	F. I. Labrum,
Perry Ball,	H. W. Fish,	H. A. Webster,	G. M. Dunham,
E. N. Jenks,	L. Bane,	C. A. Balch,	G. S. Coons,
C. J. Hessler,	O. O. Burley,	H. L. Crockett,	B. J. Austin,
G. L. Skinner,	F. S. Shaw,	J. H. Gramps,	S. Ghent,
M. T. Marriot,	J. C. Kennedy.		

DELEGATES

Jacob Callier,	P. Van Dyke,	Frank Bronson,	C. E. Christman,
C. A. Lowell,	C. J. Taft,	F. A. Town,	Levi Wilcox,
E. E. Pennock,	Edgar Bluett,	Lewis Wilson,	William Hannibal,
William Fairfield,	William Finch,	Carrie Gray,	Charles Seyter,
John Perkins,	Carrie A. Wight,	A. W. Davis,	John Dickinson,
George Ferrin,	Gertrude Hubbs,	S. Murdock,	S. R. Cole,
Jerry Jackson.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, W. H. Clark, M. H. Kendrick, F. W. Cathey, C. A. Lowell, F. A. Town, J. Dickinson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. E. Christman, Horace Barns, G. D. Baker.

4. Who remain on trial? J. G. Cole, J. D. Jenkins.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? F. S. Shaw, J. H. Gramps, S. Ghent.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. D. Osmun, B. J. Austin.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? L. S. King, J. W. Sawyer, Levi Kelly, J. Olney, D. W. Clark, W. Crossman, J. B. Stacy, Z. Osborne, O. N. Frink.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? M. T. Marriot, expelled.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. E. Stuart, M. N. Downing.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed with one exception.

15. Who have died this year? J. C. Kennedy.

16-23. See reports and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Glens Falls, New York, as near the middle of September, 1903, as can be arranged by the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder, Corning, New York.

Binghamton and Union.....F. I. Labrum, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York
 Ithaca.....C. M. Sanford, supply, 441 North Tioga street, Ithaca, " "
 Cortland and Summer Hill.....H. L. Crockett, Cortland, " "
 Norwich.....M. H. Kendrick, Norwich, " "
 North Pharsalia.....To be supplied
 Edmeston and Pleasant Valley.....To be supplied
 J. D. Osmun, supernumerary, Ithaca, New York; L. S. King, superannuated, Norwich, New York; W. E. Stuart, granted a certificate of his standing, and transferred to the Iowa conference.

CORNING DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder.

Corning and East Caton.....C. H. Hudson, 430 East Third street, Corning, New York
 Atlanta, East and West Italy Hill.....G. B. Baker, Atlanta, " "
 West Caton, Pettigrove S. H., Lindley and Curtis.....
J. D. Jenkins, R. F. D., No. 2, Corning, New York
 Painter Run and Tioga, Pennsylvania.....Horace Barns, Painter Run, Pennsylvania
 Elkland and Osceola.....J. G. Cole, Osceola, "
 Dansville and Burns.....To be supplied
 Sayre, Pennsylvania.....To be supplied
 J. W. Sawyer, superannuated, Corning, New York; Levi Kelly, superannuated, Tioga, Pennsylvania.

CLYDE DISTRICT—F. W. CATHEY, District Elder, Camden, New York.

Rose and Clyde.....W. J. Riker, Rose, Wayne county, New York
 Alton and Wallington.....T. C. Givens, Alton, " "
 East Williamson.....To be supplied
 Ontario.....C. E. Christman, Ontario, New York
 West Webster and Fairport.....F. A. Perkins, supply, West Webster, New York
 J. Olney, superannuated, Bushnell's Basin, New York; D. W. Clark, superannuated; W. Crossman, superannuated, 69 Sophia street, Rochester, New York; J. B. Stacy, superannuated, Alton, New York; F. J. Dunham, left without an appointment, Williamson, New York.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT—F. W. CATHEY, District Elder.

Syracuse and Pompey.....C. A. Balch, Syracuse, New York
 Fulton.....J. A. Tholens, Fulton, " "
 Chittenango Station and Oneida.....G. L. Skinner, Chittenango Station, " "
 North Syracuse.....H. A. Webster, North Syracuse, R. F. D. No. 2, " "
 Weedsport and Port Byron.....J. H. Gramps, Weedsport, " "
 Oswego.....To be supplied
 Auburn.....To be supplied
 J. E. Tiffany, left without appointment; Z. Osborne, superannuated, 206 Furman street, Syracuse, New York; B. J. Austin, supernumerary, 507 Wilbur avenue, Syracuse, New York; O. N. Frink, superannuated, Syracuse, New York; L. Bane, evangelist, 318 Burt street, Syracuse, New York; A. Smith, evangelist, North Syracuse, New York; E. N. Jenks, left without appointment, Syracuse, New York.

BLACK RIVER DISTRICT.—F. W. CATHEY, District Elder.

Watertown and Black River.....G. M. Dunham, Watertown, New York
 Emeryville and Fullerville.....S. Ghent, Emeryville, " "
 Carthage.....To be supplied
 Clayton.....To be supplied

UTICA DISTRICT.—W. H. CLARK, District Elder, 31 East Vandam Street, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Utica.....F. S. Shaw, 35 Linwood place, Utica, New York
Camden.....T. Whiffen, Camden, “ “
Rome.....W. E. Sitzler, 317 West Embargo street, Rome, “ “
Herkimer and Ilion.....O. S. Baker, Herkimer, “ “
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite.....To be supplied
M. N. Downing, given a certificate of his standing, and transferred to the Southern California conference.

SARATOGA DISTRICT.—W. H. CLARK, District Elder.

Saratoga Springs.....O. M. Owen, 206 Regent street, Saratoga Springs, New York
Glens Falls.....G. S. Coons, Glens Falls, “ “
Corinth.....A. B. Burdick, supply, Corinth, “ “
Bolton, Warrensburg and South Horicon.....To be supplied
Johnsburg.....To be supplied
Gloversville and Johnstown.....M. S. Babcock, Gloversville, New York
Charlotteville, Jefferson and Titus Hill.....O. O. Burley, Charlotteville, “ “
Fox Hill.....To be supplied
Troy and Bath.....To be supplied
Perry Ball, evangelist, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—W. H. CLARK, District Elder.

Burlington, Essex and Waterville.....D. C. Stanton, Burlington, Vermont
St. Armand Center, Province of Quebec, and St. Albans, Vermont.....To be supplied
Clarenceville, Province of Quebec.....C. J. Hessler, Clarenceville, Province of Quebec

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Peter Vandyke....Binghamton, New York	Enos Asseltine.....Swanton, Vermont
O. P. Ray.....Burlington, Vermont	V. M. Foskett.....Ilion, New York
S. I. Folts.....Herkimer, New York	Jacob Callier, East Williamson, “ “
Harvey Perkins, Alton, Wayne Co., “ “	C. J. Taft.....Fulton, “ “
George Milem. Rose, “ “ “ “	L. E. Rowley.....Emeryville, “ “
C. E. Beeman, Union, Broome Co., “ “	Orin Fero.....Greenville, Illinois
Florence H. Deyle.....Ilion, “ “	Laura J. Santmier....Sayre, Pennsylvania

Mrs. E. S. Clark, 31 East Van Dam street, Saratoga Springs, New York.

E. D. Holden, St. Armand Center, Province of Quebec, Canada.

C. W. Stevens, 189 Circular street, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Mrs. L. Bishop, 30 North Betling street, Burlington, Vermont.

Mrs. Janette Osmun, North Cayuga street, Ithaca, New York.

A. B. Burdick, Lafayette street, Saratoga Springs, New York.

S. M. Wilbur, 150 Kingsbury avenue, Gloversville, New York.

Assenath Sullivan, Emerson Place, Binghamton, New York.

William Sullivan, Emerson Place, Binghamton, New York.

Clark Leek, 108 West Fulton street, Johnstown, New York.

Mary E. Chynoweth, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.

Emeretta Beeman, Union, Broome county, New York.

C. E. Christman, 301 Green St. Herkimer, New York.

L. M. Orcutt, R. F. D., No. 2, Arkport, New York.

Thirza M. Milem, Rose, Wayne county, New York.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-second annual session of the conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Corning, New York. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided. W. H. Clark, O. M. Owen and T. Whiffen were elected ministerial, and C. A. Lowell, O. P. Ray, and F. A. Town lay, delegates to the coming general conference; M. H. Kendrick and F. W. Cathey ministerial reserve, and F. Bronson and E. E. Pennock lay reserve, delegates.

Our assistant publishing agent, W. B. Rose, was present and presented the interests of the Publishing House.

Five sittings of the conference were held. Our presiding general superintendent gave us several excellent and timely addresses, one of which ought to stir us all up to raise every cent of our conference collections this coming year.

The collections are to be taken in the order in which they were taken last year. Let us remember the extra collection of five cents per member to help in defraying the funeral expenses of our deceased brother, J. C. Kennedy, which is to be taken on the last Sabbath in October of this year.

The W. F. M. S. held a very interesting service Sabbath afternoon. A subscription was taken amounting to over \$60.

Superintendent W. A. Sellew presented the needs of the Gerry Orphanage and Home and obtained subscriptions and cash to the amount of \$50.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Apportioned and paid, \$416.40.

Claims for the coming year: Z. Osborne, \$150; J. Olney, \$130; D. W. Clark, \$80; L. S. King, \$125; Mrs. R. M. Snyder, \$100; Mrs. A. F. Curry, \$100; Mrs. D. Dempsey, \$75; W. Crossman, \$100; J. B. Stacy, \$60; Mrs. Phebe Newton, \$45; Mrs. Newton's child, \$15; L. Kelly, \$150; O. N. Frink, \$150. Total, \$1280.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Apportioned, \$276.40.

Paid, \$198.97; deficit, \$77.43. Total, \$276.40.

The amount on hand was disbursed as follows: D. C. Stanton, \$10; C. J. Hessler, \$10; C. A. Balch, \$20; Florence Deyle, \$15; S. Ghent, \$10; F. A. Perkins, \$25; G. M. Dunham, \$15; J. G. Cole, \$13.97; C. H. Hudson, \$10; G. L. Skinner, \$25; J. D. Jenkins, \$10; O. O. Burley, \$15; B. J. Austin, \$10; H. A. Webster, \$10. Total, \$198.97.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned, \$249.84.

Cash received, \$168.66; paid from surplus funds, \$19.48; receipts, \$61.70. Total, \$249.84.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Apportioned, \$138.80.

Raised, \$67.31; deficit, \$71.49. Total, \$138.80.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Amount raised, \$100.93; raised by W. F. M. S., \$473; cash collection at conference, \$12.23. Total, \$586.16.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—Amount raised, \$24.35.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Amount raised, \$13.05.

FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—\$27.65.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Apportioned, \$208.20.

Raised \$162.07; deficit, \$145.87. Total, \$208.20.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Apportioned, \$208.20.

Cash received, \$178.34; receipts, \$10.65; paid at conference, \$19.21. Total, \$208.20.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. John C. Kennedy was born in Amsterdam, New York, and died February 14, 1902, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Montrois, of Watertown, New York, in the 74th year

of his age. He was at one time a preacher of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal church, and was much devoted to the denomination of his early choice; so much so that when the providence and Spirit of God made known to him his duty to unite with the Free Methodist church, he at first positively declined to obey. Becoming alarmed at his spiritual condition, he finally yielded to what he sincerely believed to be the call of God, and on October 20, 1871, united with the Free Methodist church at Black River, New York, and in 1874 and 1875 was appointed by the Susquehanna annual conference as a supply to the Black River charge. His labors there were signally owned of God, resulting in an extensive revival of religion, by which about forty persons were added to the society in full connection and several on probation.

He again felt it his duty to give himself fully to the work of an itinerant preacher; and, uniting with the conference, we find that, according to its published minutes, he occupied the following fields of labor: Caton, 1883-'84; Edmeston, 1885; Middle Sprite, 1886-'87; Lee and Blossvale, 1888; Montezuma and Port Byron, 1889-'90; North Pharsalia, 1891-'92; and in 1893 the conference granted him a superannuated relation. Yet he remained active according as strength was given him, preaching occasionally in other churches and in missions. It is said that his last sermon was preached January 4, 1902, during the general quarterly meeting at Watertown. His end was peace.

Brother Kennedy was a man of God, and had a deep religious experience. He was clear in the doctrine, experience and practice of scriptural holiness. His preaching was with the unction of the Holy Ghost. He was a Bible student. His pastor, Brother Cole, obtained the information that he had read the Bible through twenty-three times, and that during the last few years he had read Benson's Commentaries through five times. When the hour of his departure drew nigh he sent word to many who were dear to him in the church, exhorting them to be true to God. When asked by his pastor if he could still recommend the gospel he had preached so many years, he gave an affirmative answer, and said the way before him was bright and clear.

Brother Kennedy was twice married, both of his wives passing him in the race of life, to the unseen world. Cherished be his memory; peace to his ashes; and may fresh inspiration be given us as ministers of the gospel—and to the laity of the church as well—to be faithful unto death, that we may at last be crowned with our departed brother, and with all God's redeemed host, with eternal life.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

SYRACUSE, CLYDE, BLACK RIVER AND BURLINGTON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Missionary Society
SYRACUSE DISTRICT	F. W. Cathey, District Elder																	
	O. N. Frink, supply	50	13	63	3	1	15	90	8	\$12 00	\$7 00	\$2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 00	\$16 69	\$12 54
	J. A. Tholens	42	12	54	1	1	12	43	6	12 51	6 54	7 60	6 70	5 70	2 25	5 70	12 54	
	Chittenango Station and Oneida	27	3	30	1	1	7	90	4	8 10	4 88	5 40	1 04	2 00	1 10	2 00	10 00	
	North Syracuse and Stone Arabia	17	3	20	1	1	10	17	1	6 30	3 78	4 20	3 15	3 15	2 10	3 15	3 00	
	Wed-port and Port Byron	38	6	42	2	2	7	45	3	10 80	6 48	7 20	5 40	2 53	2 53	5 40		
	Oswego and Lewis school-house	10	1	11	1	2	5			4 64			80	60	40	60		
	Supplied	4		4					1	1 20	72							
	Auburn																	
	F. W. Cathey, District Elder																	
CLYDE DISTRICT	F. W. Cathey, District Elder																	
	W. J. Riker	50	6	56	1	2	14	45	15	13 80	8 98	9 20	6 90	2 15	2 75	6 90		38 13
	Rose and Clyde	68	3	71	2	1	13	119	11	21 00	15 00	13 00	2 15	1 00	1 00	10 50	12 54	19 31
	Alton and Wallington	92	2	94	1	1	18	75	5	10 20	6 12	8 34	2 11	3 40	3 40	4 10	10 00	19 31
	East Williamson	26		26	1	1	8	20	2	8 40	5 04	2 06	4 20	2 04	2 04	2 04	10 00	10 00
	West Webster	7		7	2	1	7	60	4	3 00	1 90	1 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	54	11 77
	Fairport	23	6	29	1	1	7	60	4	7 20	4 32	4 80	3 60	2 40	2 40	3 60		
	Ontario																	
	G. W. Van Arsdale, supply																	
	F. W. Cathey, District Elder																	
BLACK RIVER DISTRICT	F. W. Cathey, District Elder																	
	J. G. Cole	18	1	19	1	1	6	20	4	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	1 85	2 70	2 00		
	Watertown	15		15	1	1	4	34	1	5 70	3 42	3 00	1 85	1 00	1 00	2 00		
	Gouverneur, Fmeryville, Fullerville	6		6	1	1	2	70	1	2 70	1 62	1 00				04		
	Black River and Carthage	3		3														
	Clayton																	
BURLINGTON DISTRICT	W. H. Clark, District Elder																	
	D. C. Stanton	29	2	31	2	1	2	6	18	9	7 80	4 68	5 20	3 90	2 60	3 90		53 98
	Burlington, Essex and Waterville	21	4	25	1	1	2	3	35	8	7 80	4 60	4 60	3 50	2 30	3 50	10 00	
	St. Armand Center, P. Q. St. Albans, Vt.	25	10	35	2	2	6	7	70	5	7 00	4 20	5 20	3 90	2 60	3 90	10 00	
	C. J. Heschel, B. Russell, supply																	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE—Continued

BINGHAMTON, CORNING, SARATOGA AND UTICA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT																		
Binghamton and Union	M. H. Kendrick, District Elder	50	10	60	2	3	1	8	47	9	13 20	7 92	8 80	6 60	1 60	6 60	2 77	24 91
Utica	F. I. Lebrun	26	1	27	1	1	1	6	42	6	8 70	4 00	5 80	4 35	1 33	4 35	5 00	10 80
Corland and Summer Hill	W. E. Stuart	51	6	57	1	1	19	6	50	19	12 90	7 74	8 40	6 30	4 26	6 30	6 45	33 85
Norwalk	O. M. Owen	42	11	53	1	1	1	10	55	10	12 60	7 55	8 40	6 30	4 26	6 30	6 45	38 92
North Pharsalia	W. R. Tachlyn, supply	17	7	24	1	1	1	6	20	4	3 30	1 88	2 20	1 65	25	1 60	.....	.....
Edmeston and Pleasant Valley	G. M. Dunham	15	15	30	1	1	1	1	20	4	4 20	2 62	2 80	1 60	64	2 10	.....	.....
Supplied	Supplied	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CORNING DISTRICT																		
Corning and Curtis	M. H. Kendrick, District Elder	48	1	49	1	1	2	15	65	4	13 20	7 92	8 80	6 60	4 40	6 60	6 37	12 50
Pettigrove S. H. and E. and W. Caton	H. W. Fish	48	3	51	1	1	3	15	149	6	13 20	8 28	4 65	6 90	1 10	6 90	.....	13 83
Atlanta and East and West Italy Hill	J. H. Gramps	43	5	48	2	1	2	15	64	8	13 80	6 00	3 91	4 00	1 00	6 90	.....	21 06
Painter Run, Tioga, Man's Creek, Pa.	C. H. Jenkins	32	3	35	1	1	1	10	58	5	9 30	5 88	5 00	4 65	1 00	4 65	.....	8 50
Elkland and Osceola, Pa.	C. H. Hudson	24	2	26	1	1	1	6	20	2	6 00	3 60	1 52	3 00	1 02	3 00	.....	15 00
Lindley	G. L. Skinner	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	20	2	1 00	72	80	3 00	4 40	60	.....	.....
Dansville and Burns	Supplied	11	11	22	1	1	1	1	20	2	2 00	1 00	50	45	50	1 75	.....	.....
Sayre, Pa.	Supplied	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	20	2	2 00	1 00	50	45	50	1 75	.....	.....
SARATOGA DISTRICT																		
Saratoga Springs	W. H. Clark, District Elder	78	5	83	2	1	1	6	40	13	24 30	14 88	16 20	12 15	8 10	12 15	.....	46 61
Glens Falls	H. L. Crockett	49	5	54	1	1	1	6	69	3	8 04	6 00	5 20	3 90	.....	12 15	.....	10 00
Corinth	G. S. Coons	29	3	32	2	2	2	9	35	3	9 30	5 41	2 20	3 75	2 50	2 75	5 00	4 00
Bolton, Warrensburg, South Horicon	H. A. Webster	33	3	36	1	1	1	4	15	4	7 50	4 50	1 58	1 75	1 50	3 75	.....	.....
Johnsburg	R. Palmer, supply	13	1	14	1	1	1	1	15	2	4 00	2 35	1 58	2 00	.....	1 95	.....	.....
Gloversville and Johnstown	S. Fuller, supply	22	5	27	1	1	2	9	48	6	4 80	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	2 40	.....	16 81
Charlotteville and Jefferson, Titus Hill	M. S. Babcock	25	4	29	4	4	4	4	48	2	6 00	3 60	4 00	8 00	2 00	3 00	2 40	.....
Charlotteville, Jefferson, Titus Hill	O. O. Burley	25	4	29	4	4	4	4	48	2	6 00	3 60	4 00	8 00	2 00	3 00	2 40	.....
Fox Hill	Supplied	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	20	2	2 00	1 00	50	45	50	1 75	.....	.....
Troy and Bath	Supplied	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	20	2	2 00	1 00	50	45	50	1 75	.....	.....
UTICA DISTRICT																		
Utica	W. H. Clark, District Elder	38	1	39	1	1	1	6	30	6	13 80	8 20	6 10	6 90	.....	6 90	1 18	19 25
Camden	M. N. Downing	46	2	48	1	1	1	7	45	3	13 20	7 92	8 80	6 60	4 40	6 60	1 18	19 25
Rome	T. Whiffen	41	1	42	1	1	1	9	45	6	15 00	9 00	4 00	2 60	1 41	7 60	9 84	12 64
Herkimer and Ilion	W. E. Sitzler	31	9	40	8	2	1	91	60	5	10 80	6 45	7 20	6 40	.....	7 60	7 00	7 00
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprtle	O. S. Baker	36	35	71	1	1	1	10	60	6	6 90	4 04	4 60	3 45	2 70	3 45	2 09	8 95
Florence Deyle, supply	Florence Deyle, supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1365	144	1509	28	14	46	317	1797	200	\$391 23	\$230 79	\$207 07	\$162 29	\$73 68	\$186 24	\$100 92	\$471 16

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE— CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SYRACUSE DISTRICT											
Syracuse and Pompey	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 25	\$ 89 82		\$ 300 00	46 64	\$ 7 00	2	\$ 4300	1	1200
Fulton		1 00	36 24		482 80	48 18		1	1000	1	700
Chittenango Station and Oneida ..	50	50	20 00	\$ 1 00	406 25	30 00		1	1000	1	800
North Syracuse and Stone Arabia ..	1 00	1 00	6 10		200 00	23 54		1	1000	1	2500
Weedsport and Port Byron		1 20	12 00		571 18	36 80	2 00	2	1200	1	800
Oswego and Lewis school-house ..						21 12		1		1	
Auburn						6 85				1	
CLYDE DISTRICT											
Rose and Clyde		1 64	23 47		500 00	61 35		1	2000	1	600
Alton and Wallington	1 00	1 50	37 69		378 56	69 12		1	2500	1	600
East Williamson		1 00	28 00		514 00	44 99		1	2500	1	1000
West Wenster			25 27		101 39	37 30		1	800	1	1000
Fairport						5 11					
Ontario	35	35	20 00		300 00	32 00	25 00	1	1000	1	800
BLACK RIVER DISTRICT											
Watertown					305 00	28 33	15 00	1	200		
Gouverneur, Emeryville, Fullerville ..		2 34	13 00		231 32	24 68		1	2000		
Black River and Carthage					16 16			2	3000	1	1000
Clayton						2 00					
BURLINGTON DISTRICT											
Burlington, Essex and Waterville ..			11 00		380 23	44 71	12 48				
St. Armand Center, P. Q., etc	1 00		12 00		594 99	25 66	25 00				
Clarenceville, P. Q.			12 06		318 60	30 64		1	1200		
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT											
Binghamton and Union		1 37	38 42		550 73	66 21	20 00	2	4300	1	3500
Ithaca			15 00		530 00	37 76		1	2000	1	3000
Cortland and Summer Hill		2 13	78 53		625 79	63 06	22 50	1	3000	1	1200
Norwich	1 00		39 01		421 35	60 22		1	1500	1	1000
North Pharsalia								1	1000	1	200
Edmeston and Pleasant Valley					100 00			2	1100	1	600
CORNING DISTRICT											
Corning and Curtis	1 25		20 19		505 50	66 00	39 48	2	3950	1	1500
Pettigrove S. H. E and W. Caton ..	1 15	1 10	21 11		419 95	57 02		1	800	1	900
Atlanta, E. and W. Italy Hill		2 95	15 20		410 73	56 04	7 00	3	3000		
Painter Run, Tioga, etc.	60	60	26 48		297 43	23 56		1	1000	1	600
Elkland and Osceola, Pa.			12 00		225 00	30 00		1	850		
Lindley					17 16	16 02		1	1000	1	600
Dansville and Burns						28 71	5 00				
Sayre, Pa.						1 10					
SARATOGA DISTRICT											
Saratoga Springs	3 00	2 00	40 05	1 00	628 51	95 18	3 00	1	7200	1	2000
Glens Falls			17 00		475 00	59 16	91 31	1	1500		
Corinth			20 00	2 00	270 00	35 00	6 00	1	1500		
Bolton, Warrensburg, S. Horicon ..					223 00	31 00					
Johnsburg			6 05		521 93	21 03					
Gloversville and Johnstown			21 31		223 50	23 13	20 50	3	2000		
Charlotteville, Jefferson, Titus Hill ..				70							
Fox Hill											
Troy and Bath											
UTICA DISTRICT											
Utica			17 81		511 00	48 68	24 00	1	10000	1	3000
Camden		1 35	38 13		483 30	42 21		1	3000	1	2000
Rome	2 30		25 00		550 00	64 68		1	4000	1	4000
Herkimer and Ilion			15 42		552 25	40 32		2	4000	1	2000
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite			12 95		132 00	29 53					
Total	\$15 05	\$24 18	\$328 31	\$4 70	14221 57	\$1614 64	\$325 27	46	\$829000	26	\$34600

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NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at Fort Wayne, Indiana,
September 3-6, 1902.

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R. H. CLARK, Secretary.

T. J. RUSSELL, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—G. W. Coleman, A. F. Godwin, P. S. Shoemaker.

On Publishing the Minutes—R. H. Clark, T. J. Russell.

On Education—P. S. Shoemaker, B. J. Vincent, W. T. Loring.

On Publications—C. E. Edinger, L. N. Cottrell, R. H. Clark, W. T. Loring.

On Reforms—M. Da Foe, E. F. Russell, M. T. Hepner, P. S. Shoemaker.

On Sunday-schools—B. J. Vincent, Charles Huston, U. G. Hoover, Bertha Rhinebolt, Sarah Longnecker.

On the State of the Work—A. F. Godwin, C. W. Wade.

To Receive Funds for Foreign, General and Home Missions—Sarah Jones.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—Ora E. Neitzel.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—Charles Huston.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. E. Edinger, E. F. Russell
Edward Boze.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. H. Mathews.

To Collect Children's and Educational Funds—T. J. Loring.

To Collect General Conference Delegates Expense Fund—Edward Boze.

To Solicit Subscriptions to the General Conference Daily—B. J. Vincent.

On Ministerial Relations—P. S. Shoemaker, U. G. Hoover, C. E. Edinger, Enos
Berry, E. F. Russell.

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

U. G. Hoover, for one year; C. E. Edinger, for two years; W. T. Loring, for three
years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—T. J. Russell.

On Reforms—W. T. Loring.

On Publications—U. G. Hoover.

On Education—C. E. Edinger.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions (20 cents); second quarter, Church Extension (10
cents), General Missions (15 cents); third quarter, General Superintendents'
Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. W. T. Loring, president, De Soto, Indiana; Mrs. Effie Russell, secretary,
South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Kate Grant, treasurer, Columbia City, Indiana.
Mrs. W. T. Loring was elected to represent the W. F. M. S. at the next general
conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Edinger,	W. T. Loring,	S. H. Mathews,	T. J. Loring,
J. E. Kemp,	A. F. Godwin,	L. N. Cottrell,	U. G. Hoover,
C. W. Wade,	H. L. Smith,	P. S. Shoemaker,	G. R. Stamp,
B. J. Vincent,	M. Da Foe,	J. B. Robinette,	R. H. Clark,
L. H. Morrison.			

DELEGATES

T. J. Russell,	M. T. Hepner,	E. F. Russell,	Edward Boze,
Charles Huston,	Enos Berry,	Susan Outerson,	Sarah Jones,
Sarah Longnecker,	Bertha Rhinebolt,	Ora E. Neitzel.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, A. F. Godwin, C. W. Wade, M. T. Hepner, T. J. Russell.

3, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15. None.

4. Who remain on trial? J. M. Jolly.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? L. H. Morrison.

6. Who are the deacons? L. H. Morrison.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. F. Godwin, J. B. Robinette.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. B. Robinette, returned the certificate granted last year. R. H. Clark, from the Wabash conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with view to transfer to another conference? L. N. Cottrell, P. S. Shoemaker, B. J. Vincent, M. Da Foe.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. F. Godwin, \$60; J. B. Robinette, \$40; Nancy Reynolds, \$35.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place to be selected by the district elders; time, as near September 1, 1903, as may be consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

KNOX DISTRICT.—C. W. WADE, District Elder, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Knox and To To.....	H. C. Ingersoll, supply, Knox, Indiana
Crown Point and Ross.....	James Culp, supply, Crown Point, "
Springville and Bunker Hill.....	J. A. J. Tannahill, supply, La Porte, "
South Bend.....	T. J. Russell, supply, South Bend, "
Mishawaka.....	Bertha Rhinebolt, supply, Mishawaka, "
Elkhart.....	S. H. Mathews, Elkhart, "

B. J. Vincent, granted certificate of transfer; J. E. Kemp, left without an appointment; H. L. Smith, left without an appointment to attend school.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT.—U. G. HOOPER, District Elder, Columbia City, Ind.

Fort Wayne.....	R. H. Clark, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Columbia City, etc.....	J. M. Jolly, Columbia City, "
Forest Chapel.....	C. E. Edinger, Dunfee, "
Fremont.....	L. H. Morrison, Fremont, "

J. B. Robinette and A. F. Godwin, superannuated; P. S. Shoemaker, granted a certificate of standing; G. R. Stamp, left without appointment.

UNION CITY DISTRICT.—U. G. Hoover, District Elder.

De Soto and Muncie..... W. T. Loring, De Soto, Indiana
 Union City..... T. J. Loring, Union City, “
 M. Da Foe and L. N. Cottrell, granted certificates of transfer.

MISCELLANEOUS

The seventeenth session of our conference was held in the Free Methodist church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, September 3-6. Five sittings were held. G. W. Coleman presided.

The conference was favored with the presence of the following brethren, who were introduced and invited to take honorary seats: P. E. Vincent and W. B. Olmstead, of the Michigan conference; Rev. W. Rice, pastor of First Baptist church, Kalamazoo, and Rev. J. W. Lake, pastor of the U. B. Church, Fort Wayne.

Rev. B. J. Vincent represented the publishing house and W. B. Olmstead addressed the conference in the interests of Sunday-schools.

Rev. P. S. Shoemaker was untiring in his efforts to care for the members and visitors, for which the conference was thankful.

The district elders reported gains in membership and spirituality on most of the circuits, with more of simplicity in dress and worship.

All assessments were met and paid in full except one, and that was referred back to the circuits deficient.

During the past year \$2,620 was spent in repairs, including the sale of one building where we have no class and the purchase and remodeling of another on the same circuit. One new church is in process of erection.

There was an increase of forty-three members in full connection.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION.

It is not only our duty to have our children educated, but to see that they are educated right. While we have reasons to be thankful for our public schools, yet it is a fact that a worldly influence prevails in the most of them, which in an alarming degree overcomes the impressions that are made in the Sunday-school and the Christian home. As Free Methodists, if we would educate our children for God and the church of our choice, we must give them the benefit of our Christian schools; therefore,

Resolved, That as a conference we will show an increased interest in Christian education, and will, to the extent of our ability, not only use our money to this end, but will send our children and influence others to send their children to our seminary located at Spring Arbor, Michigan.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The press is the most powerful factor in molding the character and lives of men and nations. Books, papers, pictures and tracts, both good and bad, are being profusely scattered throughout our country—many of them by free distribution, so that those who can read have ready access to the thoughts, actions and desires of men. When we utter words they affect only those who hear, and may soon be forgotten; but when those words are printed on paper, or published in books, they will live to bless or curse all whose eyes chance to see them. When one of old wanted his posterity to hear his testimony for all time to come he said, “Oh, that my words were now written! Oh, that they were printed in a book!” He was anxious to give posterity his testimony pure and good, “I know that my Redeemer liveth.

There is a great deal of literature that is full of deadly poison. Against this gigantic evil we should wage a constant warfare and make every effort to banish it from our land, for it appeals to the baser instincts and passions and thus leads its victims by thousands to eternal ruin. There is another class of reading that injures the better classes of humanity; such as magazines and other books and papers, that affect a moral or religious tone, which

steal into the homes of professors of religion. They claim that their object is good, when in fact they are pernicious and destructive to the best interests of the home and church. There is need of great carefulness, therefore, as to what comes before our people as reading matter. One said, "Show me what a people read, and I will tell you their character." It is to be lamented that not more of our people read the *Free Methodist*. We cannot be well-informed Free Methodists without its weekly visits. It is the best holiness periodical printed.

The *Free Methodist* has no peer. We wish to express our highest appreciation of its editor and staff. We would urge our people to subscribe for the *Missionary Tidings* because we think that the reading of its pages will produce greater activity, greater zeal and a greater interest in missionary work. Our Sabbath-school literature is the best, and our people, as far as we know, have found this to be true and use the same.

— We would advise our people to patronize our publishing house in the purchasing of books, as we think their judgment is good in the *kind* of books to read, and the *best* only is kept in stock. The *Earnest Christian*, also, we would recommend to our young people especially, as helpful in obtaining a rich experience. An experience comes by the way that we take, by the literature that we read. If we would be more holy we must be more knowing. We would advise thus: "Get the best, read the best and you will have the best."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
KNOW DISTRICT											
Crown Point			\$ 18 37		\$ 435 88	\$ 50 10	\$ 16 00	1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 600
Knox and To To			43 94		350 00	64 15	20 00	2	2000	1	400
Springville and Bunker Hill			25 50		300 00	40 00	31 00	2	1400	1	650
South Bend		\$ 3 60	24 00		332 15	39 00					
Elkhart			16 44		332 16	28 00	10 00	1	1250	1	800
Mishawaka											
FORT WAYNE DISTRICT											
Fort Wayne	1 45	49 00			535 00	61 02	22 00	1	2000	1	600
Fort Wayne mission					148 44		9 35				
Larwill and Loraine			17 00		305 00	48 00	1 50	2	1600		
Forest Chapel			17 38		220 90	41 97	5 00	1	200	1	600
Fremont			3 88		117 07	24 10	4 80	1	300	1	300
UNION CITY DISTRICT											
Union City			15 00		57 73	24 00		1	2000	1	300
De Soto			23 12		239 42	40 50	7 75	1	1000	1	500
Total	\$5 05	\$253 63			\$3484 75	\$460 84	\$127 40	13	\$12750	9	\$4750

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

KNOX, FORT WAYNE AND UNION CITY DISTRICTS

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OIL CITY CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held at DuBois, Pennsylvania, October
1-4, 1902

OFFICERS

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E. BLEWS, Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, A. M. Bean, T. W. Murray, M. B. Miller.

On Publishing the Minutes—M. B. Miller, J. S. McGeary.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—A. J. Hill.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. H. Reed, J. N. Bennett, G. B. Ferry.

On Sabbath-schools—T. W. Murray, C. R. Slade, Belle Whitton.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On State of the Work—M. B. Miller, O. N. Davis, Wilbur Decker.

On Reforms—E. Blews, S. Lee, Lizzie Dale.

On Publications—W. B. Roupe, R. McGeary, Helen Critchlow.

On Education—J. S. McGeary, F. E. Pond, Charles Cowan.

On Claims and Claimants—W. A. Sellew, J. S. McGeary, M. B. Miller, S. Lee, H. Blews.

On Memoirs—M. B. Miller, A. M. Bean, Rachel Bowser.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. M. Critchlow, president, time expires 1907; H. D. Todd, secretary, time expires 1903; E. Blews, time expires 1906; W. B. Roupe, time expires 1905; T. W. Murray, time expires 1904.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. T. Sager, president; C. R. Slade, secretary; J. E. Berkheimer, treasurer; A. Smith, H. S. Cotton.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. B. Miller, W. B. Roupe, J. E. Berkheimer, J. K. Dale, J. C. Bowman.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim and Expenses of Delegates to General Conference; third quarter, Superannuated Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Missions.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial Delegates.—M. B. Miller, J. S. McGeary, W. B. Roupe; reserve, A. M. Bean, J. M. Critchlow, E. Blews. Lay Delegates.—J. C. Bowman, C. R. Slade, Emma Ellison; reserve, H. Blews, Helen Critchlow, Jennie Whitehouse.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. B. Roupe,	S. Sager,	D. B. Tobey,	M. B. Miller,
A. M. Bean,	O. O. Copeland,	F. E. Glass,	A. Falkner,
A. T. Sager,	J. S. McGeary,	J. E. Berkheimer,	J. M. Critchlow,
J. J. Zahniser,	H. D. Todd,	A. Smith,	R. M. Whitecomb,
T. W. Murray,	C. H. Glass,	T. H. Goodrich,	C. E. Weaver,
E. Blews,	L. A. Sager,	J. N. Eager,	T. J. Stone,
E. L. Kiffer,	C. H. Reed,	A. J. Hill,	R. H. Williams,
R. McGarvey,	J. N. Bennett,	R. A. Robertson,	H. H. Bradley,
H. C. Ingersol,	C. H. Miller,	J. K. Odell,	J. J. Ginader,
T. S. Simpson,	W. T. Underwood,	S. O. Yelvington,	J. P. Brodhead,
F. E. Pond,	R. A. Zahniser,	F. N. Fox,	W. J. Barkas,
F. W. McClelland,	M. E. Wolcott,	J. K. Mumau,	J. F. Collins,
G. S. Bryan,			

DELEGATES

J. O. Bowman,	L. Babcock,	E. L. Monroe,	C. R. Slade,
Mrs. Mary Maze,	Elda Spotts,	H. Blews,	G. J. Kelley,
Edna Book,	R. G. Smith,	G. B. Ferry,	S. Lee,
Wilbur Decker,	W. J. Huges,	Fred Heller,	Mrs. Nellie Haskins,
Nellie Brizius,	Mrs. Rachel Bowser,	Flora Winston,	Charles Cowan,
Mrs. B. C. Odell,	Mrs. W. Hartman,	Mrs. Belle Whitton,	Helen Critchlow,
Jennie Stewart,	Lizzie Dale,	O. N. Davis,	Jennie Whitehouse,
Charles Payne,	F. W. Parks,	M. C. Steffy,	C. A. Carlson,
Mrs. O. M. Cook,	H. S. Cotton,	J. N. Sanford,	Silas Smock,
Simon Marsh,	William McGeary,	Victor Grandquist,	E. E. Carbaugh,
C. A. Cron,	Mary Bundy,	Mrs. M. A. Yelvington,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellaw, W. B. Roupe, M. B. Miller, A. M. Bean, J. S. McGeary, C. R. Slade, J. C. Bowman, S. Lee, H. Blews.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. D. Call, W. E. Smith, G. J. Kelly, R. F. Leight.

4. Who remain on trial? P. B. Wright, G. W. Kiffer, G. A. Garrett.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. J. Barkas, F. W. McClelland, M. E. Wolcott, J. K. Mumau, J. F. Collins, G. S. Bryan.

6. Who are the deacons? T. H. Goodrich, L. A. Sager, E. L. Kiffer, T. J. Stone, W. T. Underwood, R. A. Robertson, H. C. Ingersol, H. H. Bradley, C. H. Miller, T. S. Simpson, F. E. Pond, F. N. Fox, *W. J. Barkas, F. W. McClelland, *M. E. Wolcott, *J. K. Mumau, *J. F. Collins, *G. S. Bryan.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. K. Odell, J. J. Ginader, R. H. Williams, S. O. Yelvington.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. T. Underwood, F. E. Glass, D. B. Tobey, S. Sager, L. A. Sager, C. O. Copeland.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. E. Berkheimer, A. Falkner.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? R. A. Zahniser and F. N. Fox, from the Pittsburg conference.

12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. H. D. W. Showers, \$51.

23. See statistical report.

*Ordained this year.

24. See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Titusville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, as near the third Wednesday of September, 1903, as is convenient to the plan of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourth annual session was held in the Methodist Episcopal church, Du Bois, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, October 1-4, 1902. Six sittings were held—one each on Wednesday and Thursday, and two each on Friday and Saturday.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: W. P. Ferries, of the Illinois conference; J. Barnhart and E. E. Shelhamer, of the Pittsburg conference; William Boyington, of the Independent Pentecostal church; A. V. M. Vondersmith, of the United Brethren church; J. O. Bell and C. E. Temple, of the Presbyterian church; J. B. Neff, C. H. Frampton and F. H. Frampton, of the Methodist Episcopal church; A. J. Beale, of the United Evangelical church, and W. H. Chase, of the Baptist church.

W. A. Sellew presided to the satisfaction of all. We were glad to welcome our former co-laborer once more.

The reports of district elders and preachers showed that God had marvelously helped during the year. A good increase along every line was reported and the conference claims raised in full.

The Holy Spirit honored us with his presence, and all united in saying "The Du Bois conference was one of the best we have ever attended."

Brother Murray was abundant in labors and the conference was well entertained.

APPOINTMENTS

BRADFORD DISTRICT.—W. B. ROUPE, District Elder, 75 Bennett Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Bradford.....	E. Blews, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Tuna Creek and Bolivar Run.....	F. E. Pond, Tuna Creek, "
Lewis Run and Custer City.....	Isaac Hawks, supply, Lewis Run, "
Galeton.....	Minnie M. Smith, supply, Galeton, "
Port Allegeny and Portage Creek.....	A. H. M. Zahniser, supply, Port Allegeny, "
Ormsby and Simpson.....	J. F. Collins, Ormsby, "
Eldred and West Eldred.....	T. J. Stone, Eldred, "
Rixford and Duke Center.....	F. W. McClelland, Rixford, "
Ulysses and Elmer.....	John Donaldson, supply, Ulysses, "
Keech, Seven Bridges and Borie.....	F. W. Parks, supply, Veley, "
Coudersport and Mina.....	J. N. Bennett, Coudersport, "
Emporium and Beechwood.....	R. A. Robertson, Emporium, "
John Wesley church, Highland and Lamont.....	J. J. Ginader, Rolfe, "
Ridgway.....	C. H. Reed, Ridgway, "

H. C. Ingersol, supplying work in the North Indiana conference, Knox, Indiana; W. T. Underwood, supernumerary; F. E. Glass, supernumerary, Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania; C. H. Glass, left without an appointment according to ¶83 of the Discipline, Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania.

OIL CITY DISTRICT.—MENDAL B. MILLER, District Elder, 1229 Chestnut Street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Oil City, South Side.....	A. T. Sager, West Fourth street, Oil City, Pennsylvania
Oil City, North Side, and Siverly.....	H. D. Call, Siverly, "
Franklin and Cochran.....	J. M. Critchlow, Third avenue, New Brighton, "
.....	A. G. Orill, supply, Franklin, "
Walnut Bend, Oak Grove, Hogue Hill, President and Salem.....	W. H. McClimans, supply, Cole Hill, "

Tionesta and Newmansville.....R. McGarvey, Tionesta, Pennsylvania
 Kellettsville, Mayburg and Garfield.....A. Smith, Mayburg, "
 Barnes and North Clarendon.....C. E. Weaver, Barnes, "
 Glade.....To be supplied
 Youngsville, Pittsfield and Davie Hill.....R. A. Zahniser, Youngsville, Pennsylvania
 Sugar Grove and Matthew's Run.....F. E. Reese, supply, Sugar Grove, "
 Pleasantville and Enterprise.....R. M. Whitcomb, Pleasantville, "
 Titusville.....Emma Ellison, supply, Titusville, "
 Plumer, Rouseville, Hamilton and Jamison.....H. H. Bradley, Plumer, "
 Tidioute.....G. S. Mitchell, supply, Tidioute, "
 Hickory, Whig Hill and German Hill.....E. D. Monroe, supply, Whig Hill, "
 Weavers and West Home.....F. L. Clark, supply, Nickleville, "

D. B. Tobey, supernumerary, 1321 Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania; J. E. Berkeimer, superannuated, Weldbank, Pennsylvania; J. P. Brodhead, missionary to Africa, Fairview Mission Station, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa; C. H. Miller, supplying work in the Pittsburg conference, Stoner avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania; T. S. Simpson, supplying work in the Genesee conference, Forestville, New York.

CLARION DISTRICT—A. M. BEAN, District Elder, Brockwayville, Pennsylvania.

Kane, Johnsonburg and Mt. Jewett..R. H. Williams, Kane, Pennsylvania; one to be supplied
 Marionville, Byromtown and Duhring.....J. N. Eager, Marionville, Pennsylvania
 Tylersburg, Bowmansville and Guitonville.....W. J. Barkas, Tylersburg, "
 Strattonville, Shirey and Greenville.....C. W. Mowrey, supply, Piney, "
 Khatetown, Pleasant Grove and Fisher.....R. F. Leight, Clarington, "
 Halton and Portland Mills.....O. S. Winslow, supply, Brockport, "

DU BOIS DISTRICT—A. M. BEAN, District Elder.

Du Bois, Sabula and Lindsey.....G. S. Bryan, Du Bois, Pennsylvania
 Penfield, Mt. Pleasant and Clearfield.....G. J. Kelley, Penfield, "
 Jennie Whitehouse, supply, "
 Brockwayville, Mountain and Toby.....T. W. Murray, Brockwayville, "
 Brookville, Reynoldsville and Guitonville.....Horace Best, supply, Falls Creek, "
 Philipsburg and Gearheartville.....M. A. Wolcott, Philipsburg, "
 Fleming, Tyrone and Dix Run.....To be supplied
 Buffalo Run and Forge.....J. K. Mumau, Fleming, Pennsylvania

S. Sager, supernumerary, Coburg, Ontario; L. A. Sager, supernumerary, Buffalo, New York; G. W. Kiffer, attending school, Spring Arbor, Michigan; P. B. Wright, supplying work in the Columbia River conference.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT—J. S. McGEARY, District Elder, Lock Box 155, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Meadville.....F. N. Fox, May Fox, supply, Meadville, Pennsylvania
 Blooming Valley.....To be supplied
 Erin and McKean.....G. A. Garrett, McKean, Pennsylvania
 Corry and Mill Village .. W. E. Smith, Kate Smith, supply, Corry, "
 Centerville.....W. J. Kerry, supply, Centerville, "

H. D. Todd, evangelist, Blooming Valley, Pennsylvania; C. O. Copeland, supernumerary, Centerville, Pennsylvania; T. H. Goodrich, left without an appointment according to ¶ 83 of the Discipline, Elliott, Ohio.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT—J. S. McGEARY, District Elder.

New Castle, Long Avenue.....J. J. Zahniser, New Castle, Pennsylvania
 New Castle, Dewey Avenue and Coaltown.....F. J. Barber, "
 New Castle, Hoover Heights.....A. L. Duncan, supply, Rigby, "
 Sharon.....A. J. Hill, 26 Elm street, Sharon, "
 Sharpsville, Bethel and Charleston.....S. O. Yelvington, Wheeler, "
 Mercer and Prospect.....J. K. Odell, Mercer, "
 Ellwood City.....E. L. Kiffer, Ellwood City, "
 Bruin.....Helen Critchlow, supply, Bruin, "
 Grove City.....To be supplied
 Greenville.....To be supplied

A. Falkner, superannuated, South New Lyme, Ohio.

LOCAL PREACHERS

E. L. Monroe.....	Ulysses, Pennsylvania	S. Lee.....	Penfield, Pennsylvania
I. Hawks.....	Ulysses, "	J. Fenner.....	Sayre, "
W. E. McFadden, Falls Creek,	"	W. G. Hughes... Emporium,	"
O. Krantz.....	Youngsville, "	H. A. Ellithorpe.....	Carlo, "
C. Higby.....	Youngsville, "	F. W. Parks.....	Lewis Run, "
J. C. Bowman.....	Tionesta, "	J. W. Rodgers.....	Lewis Run, "
G. P. Lindsay.....	Franklin, "	G. Pond.....	Ridgway, "
W. A. McKay.....	Utica, "	H. D. Call.....	Franklin, "
W. H. McClimans... Franklin,	"	W. Richards.....	Mayburg, "
F. E. Reese....	South Oil City, "	F. Young.....	New Castle, "
G. S. Mitchell....	New Castle, "	A. G. Crill.....	New Castle, "
E. W. Liebendorfer, New Castle,	"	F. B. Schreiner, New Castle,	"
C. Cowan.....	Sharon, "	P. W. Frye	Sharpsville, "
W. A. Quick.....	Springboro, "	S. Smock.....	Reidsburg, "
O. S. Winslow, Brockwayville,	"	J. Shadle.....	Fleming, "
A. Milliren	Brockwayville, "	G. J. Kelley ...	Philipsburg, "
W. T. Smith, East Main and Shady avenue, Corry, Pennsylvania.			

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Hattie C. McClelland, Rixford, Pennsylvania	May Fox.....	Meadville, Pennsylvania
Mrs. C. H. Glass, Tuna Creek, "	Jennie Tobey.....	Franklin, "
Victoria Reed.....	Kate Smith.....	Corry, "
Josie McCurdy.....	James K. Dale....	Franklin, "
Florence A. Sager, 28 West Fourth street, South Oil City, Pennsylvania.		
Mary J. Everhart, 214 West Monroe street, Chicago, Illinois.		

EVANGELISTS

Annie Custard....	Meadville, Pennsylvania	Ethel Cook.....	Meadville, Pennsylvania
Helen Critchlow, Pleasantville,	"	Annie Crill.....	New Castle, "
Minnie Wolcott... Philipsburg,	"	Dora Spotts.....	Fleming, "
Jane B. Hornning... Penfield,	"	Jennie Whitehouse... Tyler,	"
Victoria B. Cannon, Lewis Run,	"	Gertrude Grimm, Spring Arbor, Michigan	
Violetta Dalrymple.....	Greenville, Illinois	Mary A. Simons... Franklin, Pennsylvania	
Margaret Parker, West Seventh street, South Oil City, Pennsylvania.			
Della Williams, West Seventh street, South Oil City, Pennsylvania.			
Ellen K. Zahniser, Youngsville, Pennsylvania.			
Susie Decker, Erie, Pennsylvania.			

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$238.05.
 CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed and paid, \$158.70.
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$285.66.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$476.10.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$238.05.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Assessed and paid, \$238.05.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Cash and receipts, \$20.49.
 CHILDREN'S FUND.—Cash and receipts, \$11.94.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

CAROLINE S. BERKHEIMER.—With the unnumbered blessings of another year our conference has not been exempt from shadows and sorrow. Death has crossed our pathway and our ranks have been broken as the unseen boatman dipped his paddle in the silver stream near our shore this time to bid the bloodwashed spirit of Sister Berkheimer to step on board to take the journey for which she has been preparing for the last eighteen years. She has gone to meet those friends and to enjoy that hope and home that had to her become so real while here.

The subject of this memoir was too well known to need introduction. Her name needs

only to be mentioned in this body to incite greater activity in each heart if we copy her life, especially in connection with the missionary cause—as well as for the forceful testimony, songs and exhortations which had such telling effect by the fervor and soul power she threw into them.

The closing years of her useful life, as we well know were full of toils, in the midst of which she grew more mellow in spirit and as we sometimes say was ripening for eternity. Finding herself under the bane of an incurable disease she did not grow disheartened but pressed her claims for souls until the 9th of April, 1902, when she finished her earthly journey and, stepping on board the waiting vessel, said farewell to weeping earthly friends while with the same breath she greeted the dear ones who wait with her the home coming of husband and father to the other shore.

III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

It has pleased God to grant to the Oil City conference, for the few years since its organization, a good degree of prosperity. The outpouring of the Spirit which has been enjoyed has resulted in a quickening and enlargement of all departments of the work of God. We have had some gracious revivals and our membership has been increased yearly. Some new societies have been organized and new church and parsonage buildings erected. The work of experimental holiness has gone forward with power. We believe the work has a good foundation and a bright future. Shall we as a conference measure up to the situation and make the future of God's work what it ought to be to the glory of Christ Jesus? This report, therefore, is written, not in a congratulatory strain, but for the future of our work. The subject naturally divides itself into three heads: (1) What causes have contributed to this success? (2) What elements of weakness show themselves in the present condition of the work? (3) What dangers confront us?

1. The causes which have contributed to whatever success has attended our work for the past few years appear to have been the following:

(a) The work has been carried on by both preachers and members, among themselves as well as among those outside, with a single issue—holiness of heart and life. Personal aims and considerations either have been made a secondary matter or have been entirely lost sight of. While we have been keenly alive to all moral reforms and are by our very existence radically opposed to all prevailing forms of sin or wrong, yet we have been wise enough not to allow our church to degenerate into a mere reform church having simply negative issues. If we can get men holy in heart and life all reforms are immediately accomplished.

(b) The first cause above mentioned precedes and produces the second, which is a genuine condition of brotherly love, harmony and unity, especially among the ministers and workers. This has existed to a marked degree even associated with the most radical differences about ways and means; about modes and methods. The preachers have loved each other with pure hearts fervently, and seem bound together by bands stronger than steel.

(c) A spirit of aggressiveness has been especially prominent in this work. This has been manifested by pushing out into new fields, holding street meetings, grove meetings, camp-meetings; and, most of all, by house to house visitation.

(d) A spirit of self-sacrifice has predominated with both preachers and people. The district elders as well as the circuit preachers have seemed willing to give up many comforts and conveniences of home life to win souls for God. The preachers on the various circuits have gladly received small and insufficient remuneration; and have suffered many privations. At the same time the laity have nobly held up their hands by giving liberally for the support of the gospel, and by making sacrifices of money and of time to assist in carrying on God's work.

2. What weaknesses are manifested? It is useless to say there are none. There are some, and some quite serious ones. Is it wisdom to cover these from sight? Have we not intelligence enough to perceive, and grace enough to acknowledge, and courage enough to correct these elements of weakness? Your committee think we have. So we may frankly and boldly mention them.

(a) First may be mentioned a lack of family government among both ministers and laymen; and, resulting from this, in some cases a lack of domestic piety. There should be an immediate and radical improvement in this respect. To allow it to continue can only result in serious trouble to our church.

(b) Second, a lack of systematic giving for the support of God's cause may be mentioned as a serious weakness in our church within the bounds of this conference. This failure puts heavy burdens upon the few faithful and willing pilgrims who will and do see that the financial obligations of the church are met. If we can once establish systematic giving on all our circuits, all our religious, charitable and benevolent enterprises will be abundantly and easily supplied with means for their needs, and new ones can be undertaken. We believe if our people would practice the system of tithing the problem of systematic giving would be solved. The membership of persons who steadily refuse systematically to support God's cause is of very doubtful value to our denomination.

(c) Third, there is a tendency observable at times to unduly exalt the emotional part of religion at the expense of the practical. We do not require or desire any less blessing and its manifestation, but we do need closer living and more careful walking before God. Any looseness or laxity of personal life causes the manifestation of genuine blessing to become an actual source of weakness to our work. God has wonderfully poured out his Spirit upon us, but the more we have of his Spirit the closer to God we must walk. This matter should receive especial attention in regard to our financial obligations. Any laxity in regard to meeting our obligations, and paying our bills, while it may not be fatal to the soul, may and does cripple or destroy the influence both of the individual and of the class to which he belongs. Our work is now weakened in places by losing sight of this fact. No amount of genuine blessing is sufficient to satisfy the person who fails to receive money rightfully due him.

3. What dangers confront us? The greatest danger of all is that a spirit of division may come in among us. Alas for our work when we lose that spirit of love, unity and harmony which has so remarkably characterized our work for the few years past! The devil knows full well that he can do nothing with us or against us so long as we keep united in spirit. If division comes, it will be caused by conditions. We have time to mention but one, that perhaps, the most dangerous.

(a) A condition which may arise to cause division both among preachers and members is a desire to fill the best and most honorable places. This will be more likely to occur in the future as we increase in numbers and influence. The years spent for God either as a minister or layman, the sacrifices necessarily made to take this much-reproached route, the abilities shown in successfully conducting whatever has been undertaken, or a lack of the genuine experience of holiness, may cause some to think that God calls them to fill or occupy certain positions. Failing to receive them easily brings in jealousy towards those who do receive them, and division and trouble must follow. Can we not profit by the experience of others who have failed on this line, and all humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and hold ourselves literally to the death to the teachings of the word: "How can ye believe which receive honor one of another?" and, "In honor preferring one another"?

Other conditions containing danger of division might be mentioned, but the limits of this report forbid.

(b) Next after the danger of division might be mentioned a disposition to laxity in holding our members to obtaining definitely the experience of holiness. God has called us out on this issue. Unless we hold to this definitely, persistently and steadily, we shall fail of our mission, lose our power, and soon have no place in God's work.

(c) There is also danger of our becoming careless about insisting upon our negative issues. While these are not the life of our church, they constitute our backbone. A disposition to neglect this in the matter of personal attire is already noticeable among us in a few places.

Parts of this report were taken from a previous report.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

To educate is to train, to discipline, to cultivate, to develop. In its broadest sense education involves the cultivation of the entire man, physical, mental, moral and spiritual. One definition of education given by the "Standard Dictionary" is "To develop a man physically, mentally, morally and spiritually." In the restricted meaning of the term, as more commonly used, it refers to the development of the mental powers. The idea of training and development is frequently lost sight of in considering the subject of education. The expression—"He is an educated man," often means no more than that the individual has, in some manner, become possessed of a greater or less amount of information covering a certain range of subjects. Quoting again from the "Standard Dictionary" we say, "In speaking of one as educated, we imply not merely that he has acquired knowledge, but that his mental powers have been developed and disciplined to effective action." The demand of the times is for educated men in this broader sense of the term—men whose powers have been trained to the highest degree of proficiency.

In order that any of our powers may do their best work they must be disciplined until they are brought under subjection to the will so that they will obey its commands. The object of mental development or education is to so render the mental faculties subservient to the will, that, in obedience to its command they may be fixed upon any subject and held steadily to that line of thought. In short to train the mind to work, to think consecutively and clearly. Patient and persistent discipline is necessary in order to attain this result. In no other calling is a mind thus disciplined more necessary than in the work of the gospel ministry. The truths with which the minister deals are the broadest, the deepest, the most profound which can engage the mind of man.

This great object of education, as it relates to the mind, may be attained without attending school or college, or pursuing the regular curriculum of such an institution, but, while admitting this, we must insist that one may attain this object much more readily by attending a good school. He can be more regular in his habits of study and freer from

interruption than in the midst of the busy cares of life. Further, the earlier in life one submits himself to the training process the more effective and lasting will be the results.

As in the past, we put ourselves on record as believing that any system of education which devotes itself to the development of the intellect alone, to the exclusion of the moral and spiritual nature of the individual must be a failure. Much of the prejudice against education existing in the minds of spiritual people, in our own church and elsewhere, is a result of seeing the fruit of that type of education. Education of itself is not detrimental to spirituality, but, too often, the spiritual man is entirely neglected in our modern institutions of learning. "Education for character" has been and must continue to be, our motto. With this object in view godly men in our denomination have founded schools where young men and women may secure all the benefits of thorough intellectual training, and, at the same time have thrown around them that type of moral and spiritual influences which shall tend to develop and strengthen Christian character.

These schools are in every way worthy of our patronage and support. The work done is equal to that done by schools of the same grade anywhere. The instructors are thoroughly equipped for their work and many of them at great sacrifice are devoting their time and energy to the cause of Christian education.

We urge upon all our people the importance of patronizing these schools instead of sending their children where, too often, the strife is to keep up with the race for fashion and display, or for proficiency in athletic sports, rather than for proficiency in that which will fit for usefulness in the home, in society and in the church of God.

We would urge all our young men, who feel that they are called to the work of the ministry, whenever it is practical for them to do so, to spend some time in one of our schools. The training and discipline which they will there receive, both intellectually and spiritually, will be of life long value to them. Where this is not practicable we urge thoroughness in pursuing the course of study prescribed in the Discipline. We recommend that, whenever the district elders or older brethren in the conference find young men who feel called to the work who are deficient in their studies, they encourage and assist them to master the branches in which they are deficient. We also urge upon all our ministers, as a means of thorough fitting for their work, that they cultivate regular habits of study. The exhortations of Paul to Timothy "Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (1 Tim. 4:13); "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:); and the directions of our excellent book of Discipline regarding study faithfully followed will produce rich fruit in the broadening and deepening of our public ministrations.

Last but not least we would emphasize the importance of constantly placing ourselves as ministers and people under the tutorage of that "Spirit of Truth" who has promised to "guide us into all truth."

RESOLUTIONS

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, There are many speculative stock companies which, by flattering advertisements and promises of large returns for money invested, are making strenuous efforts to dispose of their stock; and

WHEREAS, We believe that many of the companies are organized with the sole purpose of making money for the promoters without giving a proper return for the money invested; therefore,

Resolved, That we disapprove of any of our ministers or members engaging in the sale of any speculative stocks, and, should there be any now so engaged, we earnestly request them to desist.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

BRADFORD, CLARION AND DU BOIS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" taken	Conference Funds	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Society
BRADFORD DISTRICT																		
Bradford.....	W. B. Roupe, District Elder	46	9	55	1	1	1	9	63	17	\$15.30	\$9.18	\$7.65	\$7.65	\$5.10	\$7.65	.....	\$26.94
Condersport and Eerie.....	J. J. Zahnizer.....	23	6	31	1	2	2	12	80	1	8.40	5.40	4.20	4.20	2.80	4.20	.....	50.00
Eldred and West Eldred.....	G. A. Garrett.....	46	23	69	1	1	1	12	80	6	13.60	8.10	6.75	6.75	4.60	6.75	.....	30.65
Emporium.....	F. W. McClelland.....	16	9	25	1	1	1	11	70	8	8.70	5.92	4.35	4.35	2.90	4.35	.....	29.17
Galeton.....	F. E. Pond.....	30	10	40	1	1	1	7	60	8	5.10	3.96	2.65	2.65	1.90	2.65	.....	7.00
John Wesley and Highland.....	J. J. Ginader.....	24	6	30	1	1	1	7	42	9	6.90	4.04	3.45	3.45	2.30	3.45	.....	48.38
Keech and Seven Bridges.....	G. S. Mitchell, supply.....	30	4	34	1	1	1	6	30	3	6.90	4.14	3.45	3.45	2.30	3.45	.....	7.00
Lewis Run and Marshburg.....	J. H. Collins.....	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	6	3	2.12	1.26	1.05	1.05	70	1.05	.....	94
Ormsby and Smethport.....	J. M. Rodgers, supply.....	37	6	43	1	1	1	2	12	6	8.40	5.04	4.20	4.20	2.80	4.20	.....	18.00
Port Allegeny and Portage Creek.....	A. H. M. Zahniser, supply.....	15	5	20	1	1	1	6	29	6	7.80	4.68	3.90	3.90	2.60	3.90	.....	16.68
Ridgway.....	E. Blews.....	33	1	34	3	3	3	13	60	7	4.50	2.70	2.25	2.25	1.50	2.25	.....	28.43
Ritzford and Duke Centre.....	Emma Ellison, supply.....	29	4	33	2	2	2	13	76	9	10.20	6.12	5.10	5.10	3.40	5.10	.....	31.70
Tuna Creek and Limestone.....	R. A. Robertson.....	29	4	33	2	2	2	13	76	9	9.30	5.68	4.65	4.65	3.10	4.65	.....	29.88
Ulysses and Elmer.....	W. T. Underwood.....	9	9	18	1	1	1	8	36	4	2.10	1.26	1.05	1.05	70	1.05	.....	.....
CLARION DISTRICT																		
Hallton.....	A. M. Bean, District Elder	10	3	13	1	1	1	4	25	4	3.30	1.96	1.65	1.65	1.10	1.65	.....	.....
Kane and Johnsonburg.....	E. E. Carbaugh, supply.....	25	3	28	1	1	1	4	15	6	6.40	3.24	2.65	2.65	1.76	2.70	.....	.....
Marionville and Byrontown.....	R. H. Williams.....	12	1	13	1	1	1	8	31	2	4.80	2.70	2.25	2.25	1.70	2.25	.....	4.11
Pleasant Grove and Kshletown.....	A. Bean.....	11	1	12	1	1	1	8	31	2	3.30	1.96	1.65	1.65	1.10	1.65	.....	.....
Shirey and Strattonville.....	C. W. Mowrey, supply.....	24	6	30	2	2	2	17	67	6	10.40	6.84	5.00	5.00	2.90	5.00	.....	.....
Tylersburg.....	W. J. Barkus.....	22	1	23	2	2	2	14	93	9	12.00	7.20	6.00	6.00	4.00	6.00	.....	34.00
DU BOIS DISTRICT																		
Brookwayville.....	A. M. Bean, District Elder	22	1	23	2	2	2	5	32	4	7.50	4.50	3.75	3.75	2.50	3.75	.....	.....
Brookville and Falls Creek.....	Jennie Whitehouse, supply.....	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	7	6.90	4.14	3.45	3.45	2.30	3.45	.....	6.66
Du Bois, Sabula and Lindsay.....	T. W. Murray.....	50	5	55	2	2	2	12	40	7	11.40	6.84	5.70	5.70	3.80	5.70	.....	.....
Fleming.....	J. K. Mumma.....	50	5	55	2	2	2	12	40	7	7.50	4.50	3.75	3.75	2.50	3.75	.....	1.86
Phillipsburg and Gearhartville.....	G. S. Bryan.....	49	3	52	2	2	2	14	93	9	12.00	7.20	6.00	6.00	4.00	6.00	.....	30.21
Penfield.....	A. Smith.....	49	3	52	2	2	2	14	93	9	12.00	7.20	6.00	6.00	4.00	6.00	34.00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE—

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BRADFORD DISTRICT											
Bradford.....	\$ 2 00		\$ 45 02		\$ 618 62	\$ 85 31	\$ 76 11	1	\$ 2200	1	\$ 1650
Coudersport and Borie			26 91		336 09	90 40	20 00	2	2100	1	1200
Eldred and West Eldred			25 68		400 00	65 00	56 25	2	2300		
Emporium.....	1 18		25 12		405 88	60 45	5 00	1	1600	1	700
Galeton.....	50	\$ 50	27 51		258 63	33 20		1	1400		
John Wesley and Highland			15 15		495 94	56 52	18 00	1	1500		
Keesh and Seven Bridges.....			9 64		235 00	12 31		1	800		
Lewis Run and Marshburg.....			21 44		274 79	30 00		1	500	1	350
Ormsby and Smethport.....			8 33	80	307 17	8 91	10 50	1			
Port Allegheny and Portage Creek	25		21 89	30	220 00	30 00	43 56	1	1500		
Ridgway.....	2 00		28 24		500 00	65 04	8 75	1	2200	1	2000
Rixford and Duke Centre.....			30 26		450 00	65 11	65 22	2	800	1	200
Tuna Creek and Limestone.....			34 40		367 54	60 00	2 54	2	2000	1	1000
Ulysses and Elmer.....			25 94		269 00	70 00	26 41	1	1200	1	1200
CLARION DISTRICT											
Hallton.....			38 34		95 10	70 93		1	1300		
Kane and Johnsonburg.....			13 50		56 00	18 81		1	1500		
Marionville and Byromtown.....	2 00		10 00		16 05	100 23		2	2000		
Pleasant Grove and Kahletown.....			8 84		163 28	27 30		2	1100	1	250
Shirey and Strattonville.....					62 45	40 55		2	1100		
Tylersburg.....			26 50		396 44	66 48		2	1400	1	300
DU BOIS DISTRICT											
Brockwayville.....					163 77	48 17	31 23	2	2400		
Brookville and Falls Creek.....								1	5000		
Du Bois, Sabula and Lindsay.....			10 40		340 00	57 51		1	1800		
Fleming.....			24 00		518 54	101 74	14 00	2	3000		
Philipsburg and Gearhartville.....	1 31	1 27	15 07	2 00	220 13	67 19		1	600		
Penfield.....	2 00	2 00	40 81	30	386 00	66 60	20 00	1	1400	1	500
MEADVILLE DISTRICT											
Centreville and Diamond.....				80	302 50		4 66	2	2200		
Corry and Spring Creek.....			6 52		181 55	36 00					
Erie and Girard.....			6 10		160 17	29 20	27 63				
Meadville and Fairfield.....	1 00	3 00	19 74		317 84	61 38		1	1000		
Mill Village, Edinboro, etc.....			12 00		296 35	50 64		1	1200		
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT											
Bruin.....			12 00		376 00	47 34		1	1200	1	200
Coaltown.....			64 00		368 00	87 18	16 00	2	2000		
Ellwood City and Thompson Run	1 00	1 35	34 10		461 00	41 43		1	1400	1	500
Grove City.....				2 00	140 97	9 93					
Hoover Heights.....											
Mercer and Prospect.....		67					38 13	1	3000		
New Castle.....			101 00		600 00	121 65	20 00	1	4500		
Sharon.....			38 00		500 00	80 78		1	1000	1	1400
Sharpsville, Bethel and Charleston	1 00		34 63		276 00	48 00		2	2200		
OIL CITY DISTRICT											
Barnes, Saybrook and Clarendon.....			60 60		453 66	70 31	12 25	3	3000		
Franklin and Cochran.....			60 00		750 00	80 42	110 00	1	4000	1	3000
Kaneville and Hamilton.....			14 00		400 00	45 35	3 00	2	800		
Mayburg and Kellettville.....	1 00	60			444 86	68 20	9 00	3	1100	1	900
Oil City.....			92 02		724 00	102 13	60 00	3	4000	1	2200
Pleasantville, Enterprise, Pithole	3 00		34 36		334 83	80 72	18 92	2	800		
Tidioute and Whig Hill.....			35 00		395 00	68 06		4	2500	2	2000
Tionesta and Newmansville.....	2 00		53 60		510 00	94 10		2	2500	1	800
Titusville and Jameson.....			19 64		419 04	86 16	25 00	2	5000		
Weavers and Coal Hill.....			52 00		250 00	28 69		4	3000	1	600
Youngsville.....	25	25	39 60		500 00	81 00	67 15	2	2200		
Total.....	\$20 49	\$9 64	\$1342 10	\$5 20	16965 06	\$2810 16	\$809 31 77		\$90400 21		\$20950

SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Beresford, South Dakota,
October 1-5, 1902

OFFICERS

E. P. HART, President.

H. L. TORSEY, Secretary.

J. WHITESIDE, Assistant Secretary.

W. F. HARDING, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—T. Donoghue, J. B. Freeland, J. Whiteside.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, T. Donoghue, J. B. Freeland, J. Whiteside.

On Publications—H. L. Torsey, O. A. Harpel, William Kennedy, D. B. Waller.

On Education—D. W. Cook, T. Donoghue, C. W. Peters, Densie Gaddis.

On Sabbath-schools—W. D. McMullen, Densie Gaddis, Eliza Day, G. W. Austin.

On Reforms—W. N. Coffee, S. B. Shaw, H. Schrader, S. A. Shoff.

On State of the Work—J. B. Freeland, T. Donoghue, J. C. Keen, William Kennedy.

On Missions—The stationing committee.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. N. Coffee.

To Publish the Minutes—H. L. Torsey, J. Whiteside.

To Collect Money to Publish the Minutes—S. B. Shaw.

On Resolutions—H. L. Torsey, J. Whiteside.

On Memoirs—D. W. Cook, J. B. Freeland, William Kennedy, H. L. Torsey.

To Visit Wessington Springs Seminary—W. F. Harding, J. Whiteside.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. D. McMullen, T. Donoghue, H. L. Torsey, J. C. Keen, A. C. Voss.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—J. B. Freeland.

On Sabbath-schools—W. F. Harding.

On Reforms—O. A. Harpel.

On Education—T. Donoghue.

On the State of the Work—H. L. Torsey, T. Donoghue.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. L. Torsey, for five years; T. Donoghue, for four years; W. N. Coffee, for three years; O. A. Harpel, for two years; J. Whiteside, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS SEMINARY

J. B. Freeland, president and financial agent; H. L. Torsey, secretary; R. S. Vessey, treasurer; O. A. Harpel, R. Dixon, D. W. Cook, B. F. Hubbard, J. H. Wilson, J. B. Newville, Seigel Waite, Thomas Heath.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. M. F. Coffee, president; Mrs. Fannie McMullen, recording secretary and treasurer; Mrs. D. S. Gaddis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Laura Whiteside, vice president; Miss Sadie Dixon and Mrs. Lina Shoff, vice presidents.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; third quarter, Church Extension and Conference Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. B. Freeland,	O. A. Harpel,	W. D. McMullen,	A. P. Matson,
D. W. Cook,	T. Donoghue,	G. W. Austin,	R. Earl,
W. N. Coffee,	S. B. Shaw,	W. F. Harding,	W. N. Vennard,
H. L. Torsey,	J. Whiteside,	J. S. Fear,	F. W. Drown,
G. C. Coffee.			

DELEGATES

William Kennedy,	C. W. Peters,	S. A. Shoff,	Herman Schrader,
D. B. Waller,	J. C. Keen,	Mattie Greble,	J. P. Leister,
Eliza Day,	A. C. Voss,	Densie Gaddis,	Thomas Nunnemaker,
Nellie Sweeney.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. B. Freeland, T. Donoghue, J. C. Keen, William Kennedy.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? Addison Harden, B. Gaddis.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. N. Vennard, F. W. Drown.

6. Who are the deacons? G. W. Austin, A. P. Matson, J. S. Fear, *W. N. Vennard, *F. W. Drown.

7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Rufus Earl.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? G. C. Coffee.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? None.

22. See statistical table.

23. See treasurer's report and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Wessington Springs, South Dakota, the time as near the first Wednesday of October, 1903, as may be convenient for the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twentieth annual session of the South Dakota conference convened in the Free Methodist church at Beresford. General Superintendent Hart presided with his usual ability, and preached five times besides giving twenty minute addresses at the close of the sittings. There were five very harmonious sittings of conference. F. W. Drown and W. N. Vennard were ordained deacon on the Sabbath.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a service Sabbath afternoon at which they raised \$30 for the support of the conference India orphans. They report 131 active, 21 honorary, 36 life and 46 junior members. Their officers and the amount of money raised are reported elsewhere in the minutes.

A memorial service was held for the Rev. G. C. Coffee on Saturday afternoon. The congregation joined in singing hymn No. 814 in the church collection commencing "How blest the righteous when he dies." Prayer was offered by H. L. Torsey. Forty-four verses of the eleventh chapter of the gospel according to John were read for a scripture lesson and General Superintendent Hart delivered an appropriate address from the fortieth verse of the lesson. The report of the committee on memoirs was read, followed by remarks from D. W. Cook and others. Four children of the deceased, three sons and one daughter, are

*Ordained this year.

left to mourn their bereavement, to whom are extended the sympathy and prayers of the church and conference.

J. B. Freeland was elected ministerial delegate to the general conference; O. A. Harpel, reserve. William Kennedy, lay delegate; J. C. Keen, reserve.

APPOINTMENTS

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—T. DONOGHUE, 612 Fourth Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sioux Falls	W. D. McMullen, 604 Fourth avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Clark	Mary Hitchman, supply
Wall Lake and Hartford	W. N. Vennard, Lake City, South Dakota
Boyden, Hull and Rock Rapids	To be supplied
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county	S. B. Shaw, Taopi, South Dakota
Beresford	J. Whiteside, Laura Whiteside, supply, Beresford, " "
Parker and Canton	David Rounds, supply, Parker, " "

NORTH DISTRICT—T. DONOGHUE, District Elder.

Vienna	W. F. Harding, Vienna, South Dakota
Clark	Harry Scott, supply, Clark, " "
Waubay	D. B. Waller, supply, Waubay, " "
Berton and Farnsworth	To be supplied

A. P. Matson, left without appointment to attend college at Greenville, Illinois; J. S. Fear, left without appointment.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT—H. L. TORSEY, District Elder, Parkston, South Dakota.

Wessington Springs	W. N. Coffee, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
Forestburg and Letcher	A. Harden, Forestburg, " "
Alpena	Burgess Gaddis, Densie Gaddis, supply, Woonsocket, " "
Hand county and Waterbury	D. W. Cook, Wessington Springs, " "

J. B. Freeland, evangelist and financial agent of Wessington Springs Seminary.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—H. L. TORSEY, District Elder.

Mitchell	G. W. Austin, Mitchell, South Dakota
Parkston and Cleardale	To be supplied
Olivet	F. W. Drown, Olivet, South Dakota
Charles Mix county	To be supplied

NORTHWEST DISTRICT—H. L. TORSEY, District Elder.

Faulkton, Miller school house and Edmonds county ..	O. A. Harpel, Faulkton, South Dakota
Campbell county	To be supplied
Burkmere, Ellisville and Hyde county	To be supplied
.....	Phebe Farnsworth and Lina Shoff, supplies, Sedgwick, South Dakota
Potter and Sully counties	To be supplied

Rufus Earl, supernumerary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$84.60.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, \$70.50.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, \$141.00.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.—Assessed and paid, \$70.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed and paid, \$47.00.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed, \$70.50.

Paid, \$64.90; deficit, \$5.60. Total, \$70.50.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Amount raised, \$93.49.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—Amount raised, \$3.60.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES.—\$19.35.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Amount raised, \$394.63.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

The last year has been one of varied experiences. The Lord has smiled upon us in his providential visitations. Good health has been the general condition of pastors and people, and prosperity, financially, has also come to the State.

Spiritually there are evidences of vitality, and some aggressive work has been done, resulting in the salvation and sanctification of precious souls, and quite a number have been received into the Free Methodist church. Five camp-meetings have been held, and without exception they have been seasons of salvation. They would have been much more successful had a larger number of our people attended them. No Free Methodist can afford to stay away from this "annual feast of tabernacles." The pastors have been quite active in revival work, but we are sure much more can be done by commencing earlier in the conference year and persistently pursuing the work of pastoral visitation in connection with protracted and tent meetings. There is an imperative need of some fire-baptized evangelists to devote their time to revival work among us, in old as well as new fields, and we advise that arrangements be made for such appointments as far as our help will permit.

We wish to mention briefly what has been done in tent-meetings, and the advancements made in the way of church and parsonage building and improvements. Three tent-meetings have been held during the summer with good results: One at Canton by Brother Whiteside, where nine souls were saved or sanctified and a small class organized. One at Alpena under the charge of Brother and Sister Gaddis, where were similar results, several being saved and some of them being added to the church. Another tent-meeting at Powell, in charge of Brother Harpel with fair success. We thank God for these victories and take courage to go on. We urge our brethren to plan for a more extensive campaign the coming season.

Considerable improvement has been made in our church property during the year. The purchase of an additional lot to the parsonage ground at Faulkton, the finishing of the parsonage and repairing and dedication of the church, which amounted to \$539, leaves the property in an excellent condition and free from all incumbrances. At Olivet the erection of a parsonage is begun and is well under way. The pastor, Brother Austin, has succeeded in raising \$325 in cash, and the balance of the debt is nearly provided for by subscription. The debt on the property at Mitchell has been reduced. At Wall Lake there was a small debt on the parsonage which was built last year, but the Lord has helped them to wipe it all out, and a donation has been given of one and one-half acres of land adjoining the church lot for a cemetery. This leaves their property free from debt. Sioux Falls has disposed of the old parsonage and purchased a new one, which has been repaired and the debt accrued therefrom almost entirely removed or provided for. The small balance due on our parsonage at Beresford has been entirely removed, leaving our fine property here entirely free from debt. At Vienna nearly an acre of ground has been purchased with a view of building a church thereon in the near future.

In addition to all this, the Sioux Falls and North districts in the quarterly conferences determined to buy or build a parsonage for the district elder of these districts. They finally were enabled to do so and a commodious building was purchased for \$600 at Sioux Falls, on easy terms. Two hundred dollars was paid down, about one hundred dollars spent in repairs on the building and we pay about one hundred more this month. For all these things we praise God and re-engage in the conflict.

One thing that gives much encouragement is the unity of spirit and harmony of action that prevails among us throughout our borders. "May it ever continue." The spirit of uneasiness in the land has had its effect upon us as a conference, and many of our people have become dissatisfied with their surroundings and have gone or are going to other fields, thus leaving their societies reduced in number and ability to carry on the work. This is very discouraging to those remaining and in some instances, at least, very disastrous to those leaving, financially, spiritually and socially. We would again raise our voices against this spirit of migration. In sustaining the work of God with their means the Free Methodists of South Dakota are as liberal as those in any other part of our Zion, we think, in proportion to their means. Conference collections are uniformly raised in full, liberal responses for missionary cause, evangelists' labor, etc., but there is, however, in some cases, a deficiency in amount raised for pastor's support so that pastors are very much pressed for means to provide the necessities of life for themselves and families without running in debt or giving part of their time to secular avocations. We believe this could in nearly every instance be prevented by a conscientious application of our disciplinary methods of raising the salary of the pastor wherever he gives himself fully to the work of the ministry.

But few of our class-leaders or stewards measure up to their responsibilities on this line. We think that no preacher should allow his name to be placed as preacher in charge of any field without assuming and discharging his disciplinary duties conscientiously, and that no layman should allow himself to be elected to the position of class-leader and steward without conscientiously and continuously measuring up to all the duties imposed upon him by our church economy. Where this is done we are sure there will be no poorly supplied Free Methodist pastors or families.

Shall we not institute a reform all along the line that will bring showers of blessings throughout all our borders?

We find that we are quite uniform in our positions on the issues that distinguish us from other denominations, but in some instances there is manifested a disposition to be and to do like the nations around us. Free Methodist families, where original Free Methodist plainness of dress and separation in associations are found, are not as numerous as they should be.

We should take warning by the history of other churches and keep the scriptural standard and landmarks where the fathers have set them. We can only have God's approval and assistance in our work as we have the standard of "Holiness unto the Lord" in all departments of our work, constantly lifted up. Oh, for the mighty baptism of fire and power to come upon us as a people as never before!

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SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT					\$ 225 67						
Sioux Falls.....			\$ 27 50	\$ 1 50	361 60	\$ 61 00	† 47 00	1	\$ 1500	2	\$ 1800
Beresford.....			15 55	1 20	378 64	35 00	25 00	1	2000	1	1000
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county.....			13 37		359 77	63 00				1	800
Parker.....					154 48	20 56				1	500
Boyden, Hull and Rock Rapids.....					97 92	15 00		2	2400	1	800
Wall Lake.....			12 96		450 00	31 86		1	1200	1	1000
NORTH DISTRICT					176 76						
Vienna.....			12 81		379 29	60 51	10 00			1	700
Clark.....						26 50					
Waubay.....			20 00		325 74	43 27					
Milbank and Odessa.....											
Berton and Farnsworth.....			5 00			46 48					
MITCHELL DISTRICT					123 87						
Mitchell.....			13 23		323 11	34 87		1	1500	1	800
Parkston and Cleardale.....			7 81		297 13	30 00	† 45 00			1	400
Olivet.....			13 75		241 00	35 98		2	1100	1	323
Charles Mix county.....					64 37	25 00					
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT					118 03						
Wessington Springs.....	\$ 3 60	20 00			300 00	51 51					
Alpena and Hand county.....					122 11	28 90					
Jerauld county.....					20 00	15 10					
Letcher and Forestburg.....			15 85		102 00	23 07	16 22				
NORTHWEST DISTRICT					103 94						
Faulkton and Edmunds county.....			24 00		286 00	39 99	† 87 17	1	1000	1	800
Campbell county.....				30	45 00	18 72					
Ellisville and Hyde county.....					4 35	18 25	4 41				
Potter and Sully counties.....			4 33			25 94					
Total.....	\$3 60	\$207 16	\$3 00	\$4312 51	\$751 54	\$234 80		9	\$10700	12	\$8623

† Raised at camp-meeting.

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SIOUX FALLS, NORTH, MITCHELL, WESINGTON SPRINGS AND NORTHWEST DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Y. M. C. A. Lists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions Society
SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT	f. Donoghue, District Elder																
	S. D. McMullen	28	9	37	2	1	6	45	6	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	2 85	5 35	4 48
	Beresford	19	3	22	1	1	3	25	6	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 40	60 50	22 40
	Mt. Pleasant and Lake County	25	1	26	1	2	11	40	7	9 30	5 58	2 10	2 10	3 10	4 65	7 20	1 00
	Parkr.	11	2	13	1	1	1	4	4	4 20	3 06	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 10	2 52	1 00
	Boyd, Hull and Rock Rapids	13	13	26	1	1	7	30	6	6 10	3 06	3 15	3 15	1 70	2 55	2 10	33 00
	Wall Lake	20	4	24						6 30	3 78			2 10	3 15		
NORTH DISTRICT	T. Donoghue, District Elder																
	Vienna	31	1	32	2	1	6	32	9	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	2 36	6 00	6 21	6 00
	Clark	11	4	15	1	1	8	50	10	9 30	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 65	5 89	3 88
	Waubay	34	1	35	1	2	8	50	10	9 30	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 65	5 89	3 88
	Milbank and Odessa	2	1	3						5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	2 70		
MITCHELL DISTRICT	J. B. Freeland, District Elder																
	Mitchell	21	1	22	1	1	5	25	9	8 10	4 86	1 03	1 03	1 00	2 21		14 17
	Parkston and Cleardale	9	1	10	1	1	8	41	5	8 40	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	1 05	6 00	8 40
	Olivet	23	1	24	2	2	8	55	6	8 30	3 96	3 30	3 30	3 20	3 30		10 17
	Charles Mix county	13		13						3 90	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	1 95		
WESINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT	J. B. Freeland, District Elder																
	Wessington Springs	56	9	65	1	1	11	70	10	15 00	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	7 50		50 05
	Alpena and Hand county	17	9	26	1	2	1	15	3	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	12 00
	Jerauld county	25		25			2	15	7	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	11 00	2 00
	Letcher and Forestburg	25		25			2	15	7	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	11 00	2 00
NORTHWEST DISTRICT	J. B. Freeland, District Elder																
	Faulkton and Edmunds county	41	10	51	1	4	24	80	8	13 80	8 28	6 90	6 90	4 60	6 90		28 23
	Campbell county	7	2	9					3	2 46	1 26	70	1 05	70	1 05		1 00
	Ellisville and Hyde county	11	5	16	1	2	1	1	1	2 70	1 80	1 60	1 60	2 30	1 60		
	Potter and Sully counties	18	2	20	1	1	4	11	6	6 90	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 45		
Total		460	61	521	13	8	22	106	118	140 76	\$85 86	\$63 90	\$66 21	\$43 46	\$68 51	\$36 95	\$194 98

\$64.67 received from Faulkton circuit.

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NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Coopersville, Michigan,
September 17-21, 1902.

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On Sunday-schools—W. H. Bodine, F. D. Kaufman, J. C. Smith.

On Education—J. A. Hudnutt, J. W. Humphreys, W. H. James.

On Publications—J. E. Sanders, R. E. Raycraft, F. Garter.

On Reforms—S. H. Carpenter, J. B. Griswold, E. Phelps.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. H. Williams.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Receive General Conference Delegates' Expense Fund—W. Hoffman.

To Receive General Superintendents' Claim—D. D. Hall.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—E. Thirkettle.

To Receive General Missions Fund—F. O. Wyman.

To Receive Home Missions Fund—The district elders.

To Receive Educational and Children's Funds—D. G. Briggs.

To Receive Church Extension and Foreign Missions Funds—A. A. York.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. A. Allen, J. A. Hudnutt, F. G. Smith.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—G. W. Coleman, A. G. Hartle, C. L. Lambertson, J. Peabody, A. F. Williams.

On Ministerial Relations—J. A. Hudnutt, F. O. Wyman, W. H. Bodine, J. Peabody, J. C. Smith.

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H. D. F. Gaffin, president; C. L. Lambertson, secretary and treasurer; J. A. Watson, T. V. Gray, A. V. Nixon.

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S. W. Ingalls, president, for three years; C. L. Lambertson, secretary, for two years; A. G. Hartle, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Secret Societies—J. B. Griswold.

On Temperance—S. H. Williams.

On Sunday-schools—W. D. Kingsley.

On Education—J. W. Humphreys.

On Publications—M. C. Eddy.

On Reforms—J. A. Allen.

ORDER OF COLLECTONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

First quarter, Conference Claimants'; second quarter, General Superintendents'; third quarter, General Missions; fourth quarter, Home Missions and Church Extension.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. R. Cusick,	J. L. Hazeldine,	G. W. Carey,	S. H. Williams,
J. N. Bearss,	E. Snyder,	W. Hoffman,	C. S. Gitchell,
F. D. Kaufman,	A. A. York,	D. D. Hall,	J. B. Griswold,
G. W. Weidman,	C. H. Harding,	S. H. Carpenter,	W. B. Huff,
E. C. Bigelow,	E. M. Russell,	S. W. Ingalls,	G. H. Joslin,
C. H. Prichard,	M. C. Eddy,	L. T. Jacokes,	F. K. Baker,
E. Thirkettle,	D. G. Briggs,	J. A. Hudnutt,	J. A. Allen,
C. L. Lambertson,	W. Caywood,	T. Baynton,	J. A. Watson,
O. A. Gallup,	H. D. F. Gaffin,	O. F. Dafoe,	L. H. Hahn,
F. D. Palmer,	F. E. Stowell,	J. W. Sharpe,	B. W. McKibben,
W. H. Cole,	S. M. Kidder,	W. H. Bodine,	F. O. Wyman,
W. H. Switzer,	J. E. Sanders,	R. E. Raycraft,	A. G. Hartle,
W. D. Kingsley,	M. Gallup,	L. C. Fletcher,	J. W. Humphreys.

DELEGATES

P. White,	J. Wiley,	G. F. Marshall,	J. C. Smith,
A. F. Williams,	T. V. Gray,	F. G. Rice,	G. W. Kirby,
L. T. Wilson,	W. H. James,	J. O. Hall,	A. V. Nixon,
F. G. Smith,	F. D. Lyon,	C. Philips,	R. J. Guiles,
M. McDonald,	H. Sprague,	C. G. Miller,	F. Francisco,
D. Pursley,	W. A. Miller,	E. Phelps,	E. A. Blodgett,
J. Peabody,	W. Johnson,	W. Feighner,	F. Garter,
J. Ruckle,	A. Bowers,	J. Delmater,	S. W. Lawton,
L. P. Lawton,	F. Eddy,	G. B. Havens,	W. Dancer,
D. B. Collison,	C. Fouts,	W. S. Adkins,	W. Grinnage,
Lizzie Forquer,	Catherine Davidson.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Coleman, A. G. Hartle, J. A. Watson, S. W. Ingalls, C. L. Lambertson, J. Peabody, A. F. Williams, D. Pursley, A. V. Nixon.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? J. A. Philips, J. E. McDonald.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. W. Humphreys, L. C. Fletcher.

6. Who are the deacons? J. W. Humphreys, L. C. Fletcher, M. Gallup, G. W. Weidman, W. H. Cole, T. Baynton, O. F. Dafoe, F. D. Kaufman, J. B. Griswold.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. A. York, W. D. Kingsley, M. C. Eddy, W. Hoffman, E. C. Bigelow.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? F. E. Stowell, F. K. Baker, G. W. Carey, S. M. Kidder, E. Snyder.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? W. R. Cusick, L. T. Jacokes, C. S. Gitchell.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? F. A. Smith, N. Heald, G. W. Bedell handed in a certificate of standing at East Michigan conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. W. Sharpe, F. D. Palmer.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, except three.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the

widows and orphans of preachers? W. R. Cusick, \$150; Hannah Gilpin and two children, \$65; L. T. Jacokes, \$40; Orpha Cope, \$35. Total, \$290.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The location is left with the district elders; the time, if possible, not later than August 15, 1903.

MISCELLANEOUS

The North Michigan conference convened for its twenty-seventh annual session at Coopersville, Michigan, September 17, 1902. The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. by Superintendent G. W. Coleman, who presided over five very harmonious sittings. Very encouraging reports were brought in from all over the work, and according to the statistics our numbers have increased during the past year. At the first sitting thirty-eight ministers answered to their names, and during the session forty-two delegates handed in credentials and took seats with the conference.

There were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats the following ministers: H. Montgomery, M. De Voist, N. M. Cook, each of the East Michigan; George Laubach, F. L. Baker, M. Dafoe, L. H. Mulholland and J. Craig, each of the Michigan; L. G. Lewis, of the Ohio conference; S. J. Young and E. W. Wheeler, each of the Wesleyan Connection. These, by their stirring sermons and exhortations, assisted much in raising the spiritual tide of the meeting and in drawing large audiences, till the church overflowed with people. The entertainment of the conference was excellent.

There was raised in cash for all purposes about \$270. Eighty-two persons subscribed for a copy of the Minutes. Cora Griswold was granted an evangelist's license.

Sister Coleman conducted a missionary service and a collection of \$48.85 was taken. The following officers for the W. F. M. S. were elected: Cora Griswold, president; Hattie Gaffin, first vice president; Stella Hahn, second vice president; Delia Raycraft, recording secretary; Rosetta Allen, corresponding secretary; Myrtie Francisco, of Alma, Michigan, treasurer.

The following were ordained deacon on the Sabbath: L. C. Fletcher, J. W. Humphreys, M. McDonald, L. T. Wilson (the last two local). The following were ordained elder: W. D. Kingsley, A. A. York, W. Hoffman, M. C. Eddy, E. C. Bigelow.

The following were elected delegates to the general conference—Ministerial: A. G. Hartle, H. D. F. Gaffin, J. A. Watson; reserve, D. G. Briggs, O. L. Lambertson, F. O. Wyman. Lay: A. F. Williams, J. O. Hall, J. Peabody; reserve, A. V. Nixon, L. P. Lawton, F. Francisco.

APPOINTMENTS

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.—A. G. HARTLE, District Elder, Saranac, Michigan

Grand Rapids.....	O. F. Dafoe, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Coopersville and Nunica.....	W. H. Switzer, Coopersville, "
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan.....	To be supplied
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....	S. W. Ingalls, Sparta, Michigan
Cedar Springs, Oortland and Cannonsburg.....	D. D. Hall, Cedar Springs, "
Ravenna and Six Corners.....	C. B. Lawton, supply, Coopersville, "
Bradley and Gregoryville.....	E. Burt, supply, Bradley, "
Coral and Howard City.....	J. W. Humphreys, Coral, "
Ensley.....	E. M. Russell, Grove, "
Stanwood, Brady Lake and Altona.....	S. H. Carpenter, Stanwood, "
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....	E. Thirkettle, Lakeview, "

W. R. Cusick and L. T. Jacokes, superannuated; H. D. F. Gaffin, financial agent of Spring Arbor Seminary; W. Caywood, evangelist; F. K. Baker, supernumerary; F. D. Palmer, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

IONIA DISTRICT—J. A. WATSON, District Elder, Alma, Michigan.

Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln and Richland.....	R. E. Raycraft, Shepherd, Michigan	
Clare and Harrison	J. L. Hazeldine, Clare,	"
Alma Burns and County Line, B. W. McKibben, Sarah McKibben, supply, Alma,		"
St. Louis.....	William Hoffman, St. Louis,	"
Elm Hall, Sumner and Sand Ridge.....	L. J. Hazeldine, supply, Elm Hall,	"
Stanton, Fishville and Westville.....	J. A. Allen, Stanton,	"
Greenville, Fenwick and Evergreen.....	Eunice Stoddard, supply, Fenwick,	"
Orleans and Belding.....	To be supplied	
Saranac and Berlin.....	C. H. Harding, Saranac, Michigan	
Morgan, Hastings, etc.....	W. H. Bodine, Morgan, Michigan, L. Snyder, supply	
Sunfield and Shaytown.....	J. B. Griswold, Cora Griswold, supply, Sunfield, Michigan	
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	L. H. Hahn, Grand Ledge,	"
G. W. Carey, F. E. Stowell, supernumerary.		

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.—D. G. BRIGGS, District Elder, Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Big Rapids and Barton.....	J. A. Philips, Big Rapids, Michigan	
Hungerford and River.....	M. C. Eddy, Woodville,	"
Walkerville and Elbridge.....	E. C. Bigelow, Walkerville,	"
Ludington and Summit.....	A. A. York, Ludington,	"
Custer and Scottville.....	F. O. Wyman, Custer,	"
Bristol and Rose Lake.....	C. H. Prichard, Rose Lake,	"
South Evart, Sears and Chippewa.....	G. H. Joslin, Evart,	"
Fork, Barryton and Titus.....	M. Gallup, Barryton,	"
Weidman and Deerfield.....	W. B. Huff, Weidman,	"
Milbrook and Wyman.....	J. N. Bears, Milbrook,	"

W. H. Cole, left without appointment; S. M. Kidder, supernumerary; J. W. Sharpe, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

CADILLAC DISTRICT—C. L. LAMBERTSON, District Elder, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Cadillac.....	J. E. McDonald, Cadillac, Michigan	
Cherry Grove, Boon and Harriette.....	George Mc Grath, supply, Boon,	"
Manton and Greenwood.....	J. A. Hudnutt, Manton,	"
Lake City and Frys Mill.....	E. A. Blodgett, supply, Lake City,	"
Kingsley and Nickerson.....	George W. Weidman, Maysfield,	"
Traverse City and Beitner.....	T. Baynton, Traverse City,	"
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick.....	C. A. Gallup, Meawataka,	"
Lodi and Kalkaska.....	S. H. Williams, Lodi,	"
Mancelona.....	To be supplied	
Elmira and Springbrook.....	A. W. Cryderman, supply, Elmira, Michigan	
South Arm, Central Lake and Advance.....	J. E. Sanders, South Arm,	"

E. Snyder, supernumerary; C. S. Gitchell, superannuated.

SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—C. L. LAMBERTSON, District Elder.

Sault Ste. Marie.....	W. D. Kingsley, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan	
Dafter and Brimley.....	W. Randles, supply, Dafter,	"
Hay Lake.....	C. G. Miller, supply, Rosedale,	"
St. Joseph Island.....	L. C. Fletcher, Richards Landing, Ontario	
Drummond Island.....	V. M. Danskin, supply, Drummond, Michigan	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Again, "And this is the condemnation that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Ever since the devil tempted and seduced the first man and woman to sin, has secrecy been in the world. Their deeds were evil and they sought the deepest glen and darkest glade, to hide them from the light of God. Jesus Christ is the fountain of light. The devil is the prince of

darkness. Secrecy is based upon the principles of moral darkness. Egypt, Greece, Rome, and Babylon, all had their secret societies and mysteries. America has hers, some of which are the most dangerous to our social, civil and religious institutions.

Masonry, like the church of Rome, cannot bear the light. Masonic oaths are extra judicial and blasphemous in their character. Her votaries claim for her great antiquity, even going back to the days of Solomon. If their statement is correct, the high priests were its highest executors, and the Sanhedrin its highest tribunal before which Jesus Christ was arraigned, tried, mocked and condemned to death, at the eventful hour of "low twelve;" and when the heathen governor would have let him go, the people intimidated him by their threats, and thus procured the death of the Son of God, and to this day his name is not permitted to be used among them.

Masonry lies to its votaries in imposing upon them fearful obligations, diabolical in their nature. The Master assures the candidate that his obligations to Masonry "will not interfere with his obligations to his family, his God, or his country," and before the poor man leaves her altar for the first time, he swears with an horrible oath, "never to reveal and ever to conceal all the hidden mysteries of Masonry which may have been, shall be at this time or at any future period communicated to him: or to any person" (not even to his wife) "upon no less penalty than that of having his throat cut, his tongue torn out by its roots," etc.

Masonry, with its offspring of minor orders, binds its followers, in a brotherhood with Jews, Mohammedans, Mormons, Hindoos, gamblers, drunkards, whoremongers, liars, profane swearers and infidels.

We would say to one and all, "Come ye out from among them and God will receive you."

To the question, How shall we find out the iniquity of the lodge? we would answer, We would recommend to our people the careful perusal of Ronayne's Hand-book of Free-Masonry, and an exposition of Free Masonry by Charles G. Finney.

Further, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of this conference, arouse ourselves and investigate the evils of secrecy, inform ourselves and our people of its abominations and of its seductive and dangerous influence.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT						\$ 427 56					
Grand Rapids			\$ 41 85		225 00	\$ 32 00		1	\$ 2000	1	
Coopersville and Nunica			40 00		322 00	42 00		1	2000	1	\$ 500
Fruitport, County Line, Sullivan			6 15		79 05	29 00		1	1200	1	25
Sparta, Algoma and Iyrene			32 00		202 00		\$ 5 00	2	1800	1	800
Cedar Springs, Cortland, etc.			36 77		413 59	52 88		3	2100	2	950
Ravenna and Six Corners			9 75		394 38	36 00		1	800	1	400
Bradley and Gregoryville			17 10		310 78	32 00	8 50	2	1000	1	400
Coral and Howard City			16 00		378 53	38 00	12 48	2	1200	1	150
Ensley					42 00	21 00		1	300		
Stanwood, Brady Lake, Altona			15 00		270 05	38 00		3	2200	1	50
Lakeview and Six Lakes			5 00		190 65	34 00		1	600	1	500
IONIA DISTRICT						460 00					
Lincoln, County Line, Richland			29 70		350 26	41 00		3	1750	1	600
Clare					320 00	24 00		1	1100	1	500
Alma and Burns			18 64		341 01	38 00	9 81	1	1000	1	800
St. Louis					196 00	19 00	9 00	1	800		
Elm Hall, Sumner and Sand Ridge			25 00	\$ 50	300 50	36 00		1	850	1	300
Stanton and Fenwick			13 00		206 75	25 00		4	1500	1	200
Orleans and Belding			40 00		320 00	46 00	35 20	1	1000	1	600
Saranac and Berlin	\$ 2 30	\$ 1 58	14 43	30	325 00	37 00		2	2000	1	400
Morgan, Castleton, Maple Grove			38 38		382 97	60 00		4	3000	1	300
Sunfield and Shaytown			42 00		410 00	60 00	5 00	2	3100	1	1000
Grand Ledge and Eagle			28 00		386 44	60 00	30 00	4	3600	1	1000
Mt. Pleasant mission			7 14		36 89	17 76					
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT						347 48					
Big Rapids and Barton			22 00		276 08	24 00		1	300	1	300
Hungerford and River			22 00		320 25	36 00	3 50	2	1000	1	300
Walkerville and Elbridge			11 60		200 00	22 50	5 00	1	600	1	150
Ludington and Summit			36 20		91 75	28 00	14 00	1	1150		
Custer and Scottville			33 44		318 03	35 00		1	1200	1	500
Leroy and Rose Lake			15 00		292 64	26 00		1	500	1	200
Milton and Bristol			14 00		80 36	24 00	3 75				
South Eart and Chippewa	3 87		18 00		326 62	40 00		1	500	1	460
Sears, Fork and Barryton	15		28 00		211 94	32 55		2	500	1	275
Weidman and Deerfield			5 00		211 88	14 00	50	2	1400	1	200
Millbrook and Wymn					174 26	26 47		2	700		
Mecosta and Tus					16 12	20 00					
CADILLAC DISTRICT						276 81					
Cadillac and Jennings			17 68		423 51	24 00	4 04	1	1600	1	600
Cherry Grove, Boon and Harriette			10 05		218 32	24 00		1	50	1	175
Manton, Merrill's and Greenwood	1 00	2 45	26 59	83	437 00	54 00		2	1600	1	800
Lake City, Section 10 Lake, etc.					200 00	23 08	15 00	1	800		
Kingsley and Beltner			18 00		173 58	18 00	6 63	1	500	1	50
Traverse City mission						9 53					
Colfax, Bandola and Sherman			39 00		364 00	36 00		1	1000	1	500
Lodi and Mancelona			24 26		267 00	39 00	10 00	2	2400	1	100
Elmira			8 51		12 25	12 00					
South Arm, Central Lake, Advance			10 00		233 60	32 00				1	400
SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT						112 48					
Sault Ste. Marie			40 09		559 10	28 50		1	2500	1	1000
Dafer and Brimley			6 18		105 76	18 98			600	1	350
Hay Lake			4 00		308 08	22 50	15 00				
St. Joseph Island			13 00		256 67	28 00		1	900		
Drummond and De Tour			15 09		176 91	15 00	6 04	1	425		
Total	\$7 32	\$4 03	\$913 30	\$1 63	14216 49	\$1540 75	\$193 45	69	\$55125	37	\$15825

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

GRAND RAPIDS AND IONIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" taken	Conf'nice Claim-	ants' Fund	General Superin-	Conference Mis-	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference.	Foreign Misson-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socie-ties
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT																			
Grand Rapids.....	A. G. Hartle, District Elder	56	19	75	75	1	1	7	40	5	11	40	6	6	5	5	5	5	5
Connersville.....	C. B. Lawton, supply.	35	2	37	37	1	1	9	50	6	10	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan.....	W. H. Switzer	19	3	22	22	1	1	9	40	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....	J. A. Phillips	32	2	34	34	1	1	6	30	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Cedar Springs, Cortland, Cunningsburg.....	N. Heald	77	19	96	96	1	1	16	70	8	21	21	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Ravenna and Six Corners.....	D. D. Hall	29	9	38	38	1	1	6	20	8	11	11	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Bradley and Gregoryville.....	C. A. Gallup	38	10	48	48	2	2	12	59	7	11	11	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Coral and Howard City.....	J. B. Griswold, C. Griswold, sup	52	12	64	64	1	1	7	50	6	13	13	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Enslay.....	J. W. Humphreys	19	2	21	21	1	1	8	60	4	15	15	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Stanwood, Brady Lake and Altona.....	H. W. Weidman, supply	61	8	69	69	1	1	2	8	60	4	15	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....	S. H. Carpenter	45	5	50	50	1	1	4	20	6	12	12	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
	E. Thirkettle																		
IONIA DISTRICT																			
Lincoln, County Line and Richland.....	J. A. Watson, District Elder	44	4	48	48	3	3	20	87	10	13	30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Clare.....	E. Burt, supply.	22	6	28	28	1	1	6	35	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Alma and Burns.....	J. L. Hazeldine	38	1	39	39	1	1	14	75	8	10	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
St. Louis.....	O. F. Daroe	13	3	16	16	1	1	2	16	2	12	12	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Stanton and Fenwick.....	L. J. Hazeldine, supply	35	2	37	37	1	1	16	25	3	5	5	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Stanton and Sand Ridge.....	F. D. Kaufman	35	1	36	36	1	1	16	25	3	5	5	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Orleans and Belding.....	R. W. McKibben, S. McKibben, S	32	6	38	38	1	1	13	44	10	11	11	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Saranac and Berlin.....	K. E. Raycraft	32	1	33	33	1	1	2	12	4	11	11	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Morgan, Castleton and Maple Grove.....	L. J. Hahn	33	3	36	36	1	1	2	36	10	11	11	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Munford and Shaytown.....	W. H. Bodine	37	3	40	40	2	2	3	37	18	17	17	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	D. G. Bridges	38	3	41	41	2	2	4	30	12	19	19	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Mt. Pleasant mission.....	J. A. Allen	11	1	12	12	1	1	6	17	2	1	1	60	60	60	60	60	60	60

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

BIG RAPIDS, CADILLAC AND SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Village-Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claim-	General Superin-	Conference Mis-	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci-eties
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT																	
Big Rapids and Barton.....	S. W. Ingalls, District Elder	39	5	37	1	2	14	60	6	\$ 8.40	5 04	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 2.80	\$ 4.20		
Hungerford and River.....	A. A. York.....	33	4	37	1	2	10	50	3	8 70	5 22	4 35	2 35	2 90	4 35		
Wakerville and Elbridge.....	M. C. Eddy.....	33	5	38	1	2	10	50	3	8 70	5 22	4 35	2 35	2 90	4 35		
Ludington and Summit.....	E. C. Bigelow.....	29	6	34	1	1	8	48	2	10.50	6.30	5.00	2.22	2.90	4.35		
Custer and Scottville.....	E. A. Smith.....	63	9	72	8	1	16	60	8	8 75	11 52	9 60	9 60	6 40	9 60		
Leroy and Rose Lake.....	E. W. Syman.....	29	8	37	1	2	14	60	8	19.20	3.60	3.60	2.40	2.40	3.60		
Milton and Bristol.....	M. Gallup.....	34	15	49	2	1	7	25	5	7 10	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	2 55		
South Leavitt and Chippewa.....	J. N. Bess.....	37	8	45	2	1	7	25	5	5 10	7 55	6 30	6 30	4 20	6 30	\$ 5 00	
Sears, Fork and Barryton.....	G. H. Prebhard.....	37	9	46	1	1	12	90	4	12 00	7 55	6 30	6 30	4 20	6 30		
Weldman and Pearlfield.....	George McGrath, supply.....	17	3	20	1	1	7	13	7	4 50	3 06	3 00	2 55	1 70	2 55		
Milbrook and W. Syman.....	Emmie Stoddard, supply.....	24	9	33	2	1	20	4	1	7 82	4 04	3 45	2 55	2 80	4 20		
Mecosta and Titus.....	W. B. Huff.....	12	4	16	1	1	7	13	7	2 10	2 14	1 80	2 10	2 80	4 20		
	J. Henry, supply.....																
CADILLAC DISTRICT																	
Cadillac and Jennings.....	C. L. Lamberton, Dist. Elder	14	1	15	1	1	8	30	2	4 50	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 25	3 75	
Cherry Grove, Boon and Hardette.....	J. E. McDonald.....	16	1	17	1	1	7	18	2	4 20	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 40	2 10		\$ 8 11
Manton, Merrill and Greenwood.....	William Hoffman.....	15	2	17	1	1	15	68	6	13 50	7 74	4 05	4 05	3 80	5 70		
Lake City, Section 10 Lake, etc.....	J. A. Hudnutt.....	23	6	29	3	2	15	20	5	4 60	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 60	2 25		
Kingsley and Belvoir.....	E. A. Blodgett, supply.....	20	3	23	2	2	12	50	3	5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	2 70	1 80	
Traverse City mission.....	E. W. Weidman.....	22	3	25	9	2	12	40	7	2 70	3 85	1 53	2 85	1 70	2 55		
Golfax, Bandola and Sherman.....	Supplied.....	42	3	45	3	2	12	40	7	4 75	3 60	2 85	4 95	3 80	4 35	3 00	
Lodi and Mancelona.....	D. P. Henry, supply.....	36	1	37	3	3	17	100	9	9 90	5 94	4 05	4 95	3 80	4 35	10 50	
Elmira.....	S. H. Williams.....	9	2	11	1	1	9	25	1	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	1 20	3 00	
South Arm, Central Lake, Advance.....	A. W. Cryderman, supply.....	19	1	20	1	1	3	24	7	5 70	3 41	2 85	2 85	.....	.....
	J. E. Sanders.....																
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT																	
Sault Ste. Marie.....	C. L. Lamberton, Dist. Elder	43	9	52	1	1	8	60	4	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 00		
Dafter and Brimley.....	W. D. Kingsley.....	8	4	12	1	1	5	20	3	3 30	1 98	2 85	1 65	3 80	1 65		
Hay Lake.....	J. N. Fuller, supply.....	22	3	25	1	1	4	20	8	4 30	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	10 00	
St. Joseph Island.....	C. G. Miller, supply.....	34	8	42	1	2	8	40	4	9 30	5 58	4 05	4 05	3 10	4 05	3 80	
Drummond and De Tour.....	L. C. Potcher.....	16	2	18	1	1	5	20	4	8 30	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 65	3 80	
	V. M. Dauskin, supply.....																
Total.....		1078/246	192/37	18 74	477/2180	261	\$456.39	\$297.37	\$210.04	131.46	216.85	\$87.11	\$11.11				

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NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Session, held at Motley, Minnesota, September 24-27, 1902

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J. E. MCKINDLEY, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, F. P. Woodward, N. Welter.

On Publications—J. G. Norris.

On State of the Work—F. P. Woodward.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Neal Trolson, Jerome Bartlett, A. C. Ammundsen.

On Reforms—Charles Mitchell.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. G. Norris.

On Education—George W. Northrup, Neal Trolson, S. Waite.

To Receive Funds for General and Foreign Missions—J. J. Compton.

To Receive Funds for the Delegates' Expenses to the General Conference—

C. L. Dimond.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—Fred Stokes.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—S. W. Compton.

On Sunday-schools—Ida Heinz, Charles Mitchell.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. Waite, for five years; F. P. Woodward, for four years; J. G. Norris, for three years; A. C. Ammundsen, for two years; Fred Stokes, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. G. Norris, S. Waite, C. L. Dimond, L. Bartlett, Neal Trolson.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: F. P. Woodward; reserve, S. Waite. Lay: J. S. McCoy; reserve, J. E. McKindley. W. F. M. S. delegates: Mrs. Mary Woodward; reserve, Mrs. Mattie Waite.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

F. P. Woodward,
A. C. Ammundsen,
N. Welter,

S. Waite,
A. M. Kenniston,
J. J. Compton.

Fred Stokes,
M. A. Soper,

Charles Mitchell,
J. G. Norris,

DELEGATES

Neal Trolson,
Rosetta Key,
George W. Northrup,

J. E. McKindley,
Ida Heinz,
S. W. Compton,

Jerome Bartlett,
John Striet,
R. Boothroyd.

C. L. Dimond,
O. A. Hall,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, F. P. Woodward, C. L. Dimond.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. T. Krousey.

6. Who are the deacons? C. Mitchell, A. C. Ammundsen, F. Stokes.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? N. Welter.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? A. M. Kenniston.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. S. Cornish, from the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. Barham.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, except M. A. Soper, who withdrew from the church and conference under censure, delivering up his parchments.
- 16-23. See statistical report.
24. See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Gordon, Minnesota, the last week in September, 1903.

APPOINTMENTS

BURTRUM DISTRICT—F. P. WOODWARD, District Elder.

Burtrum and Long Prairie.....	C. Mitchell, Burtrum, Minnesota
Alexandria and Hudson.....	N. Welter, Alexandria, "
Gordon and Spruce Hill.....	S. Waite, Osakis, "
Holdingford and Brockway.....	To be supplied
South Haven and St. Cloud.....	F. Stokes, South Haven, Minnesota
J. J. Compton, conference evangelist; A. M. Kenniston, superannuated.	

MOTLEY DISTRICT—F. P. WOODWARD, District Elder.

Motley, Thomastown and Philbrook.....	A. C. Ammundson, Motley, Minnesota
Wrightstown.....	To be supplied
Wadena, Sebeka and Verndale.....	L. Bartlett, supply, Wadena, Minnesota
Osage, Park Rapids and Frazee.....	To be supplied
Huff and Green Prairie.....	J. G. Norris, Huff, Minnesota
Fort Ripley and Brainerd.....	J. S. Cornish, Fort Ripley, "
Hartford and Moran.....	H. T. Krousey, Browerville, "
Fertile.....	To be supplied

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
BURTRUM DISTRICT											
Burtrum and Long Prairie	\$ 71	\$ 33 79			\$ 140 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 5 00	1	800	1	800
Alexandria and Hudson.....	3 85	15 25			300 65	33 07	41 13	2	2000	1	600
Gordon and Spruce Hill.....	50	24 00			320 00	24 00		2	700	1	300
Holdingford and Brockway		6 50			55 78	8 10		1		1	75
South Haven and Main Prairie....		22 15			261 26	24 00	32 79	1	1000	1	500
MOTLEY DISTRICT											
Motley, Thomastown, Philbrook...	1 75	32 00			387 01	28 00	5 00	1	900	1	500
Wrightstown and Sebeka.....		5 00	\$ 10		248 09	26 25		1	200	1	600
Osage, Park Rapids and Frazee...	41	60			154 78	25 00		1	200	1	500
Huff and Green Prairie.....			10		108 50	24 00		1	500		
Fort Ripley and Brainerd.....					72 56	21 27					
Hartford and Moran.....	3 00	12 09			142 00	24 00	15 00	2	1500		
Fertile.....											
Total.....	\$10 22	\$159 34	\$ 20	\$2190 63	\$261 69	\$98 92	12	\$8700	7	\$3200	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

BURTRUM AND MOTLEY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BURTRUM DISTRICT																		
	F. P. Woodward, Dist. Elder																	
Burtrum and Long Prairie.....	M. A. Soper	44	3	47	..	2	14	70	5	\$ 6 20	\$ 5 71	..	..	\$ 2 95	\$ 3 00	\$ 4 50	..	..
Alexandria and Hudson	A. C. Ammundsen	38	9	47	1..	2	11	77	10	11 60	4 00	..	..	..	..	5 00	..	\$ 15 92
Gordon and Spruce Hill.....	S. Waite.....	37	7	44	1..	1	9	64	11	7 20	4 22	..	..	3 50	2 40	3 60	..	6 88
Holdingford and Brockway	A. M. Kenniston	11	1	12	..	1	4	16	6	3 00	1 92	..	..	1 65	1 20	1 45	..	..
South Haven and Main Prairie.....	Fred Stokes	30	9	39	1..	2	11	60	13	5 40	3 24	..	..	2 70	1 80	2 70	..	..
MOTLEY DISTRICT																		
	F. P. Woodward, Dist. Elder																	
Motley, Thomastown and Philbrook..	N. Welter	39	11	50	..	2	12	65	15	16 50	9 90	..	..	6 02	3 75	6 02	..	23 81
Wrightstown and Sebeka	C. L. Bartlett	14	1	15	1	1	6	26	5	5 58	3 24	..	..	1 63	1 80	2 70	..	..
Osage, Park Rapids and Frazee.....	C. Mitchell	15	..	15	..	1	5	36	5	4 50	2 70	..	..	2 25	1 50	2 25	..	..
Huff and Green Prairie	J. G. Norris	23	..	23	1..	..	..	..	4	9 00	5 40	..	..	4 50	3 00	4 50	..	..
Fort Ripley and Brainerd	J. J. Compton.....	15	..	15	2..	..	..	..	3	4 50	2 70	..	..	2 25	80	2 25	..	..
Hartford and Moran	I. T. Krousey	18	3	21	..	1	5	16	9	5 40	3 24	..	..	2 70	1 80	2 70	..	6 25
Fertile	Supplied .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....		284	44	328	6	1	113	77	430	86	\$78 88	\$46 27	..	\$30 15	\$21 05	\$37 67	..	\$52 81

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held in Mt. Zion Free Methodist
Church, at Kepler, Kentucky, September 4-7, 1902

OFFICERS

F. H. ASHCRAFT, President.

W. MAYFIELD, Secretary.

H. O. COATES, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—F. H. Ashcraft, W. Mayfield, R. H. Hinton.

On Publications—W. Mayfield, George Tucker.

On Secret Societies—J. W. W. Kelley, J. M. Bowman.

On Prohibition—H. O. Coates, J. A. Manning.

On Sunday-schools—R. H. Hinton, W. R. Garrison, T. S. Wilkerson.

On Education—H. O. Coates, I. H. Justice.

On the State of the Work—J. W. W. Kelley, W. Mayfield.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. O. Coates, T. W. Caldwell.

To Receive Conference Collections—J. W. W. Kelley.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. A. Manning.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—The stationing committee

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. W. W. Kelley, W. Mayfield, W. R. Garrison, J. A. Manning, J. J. Pedigo.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. W. W. Kelley, for three years; W. Mayfield, for two years; R. H. Hinton, for
one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Prohibition—W. Mayfield.

On Secret Societies—J. A. Manning.

On Publications—R. H. Hinton.

On Education—J. W. W. Kelley.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Conference Delegates' Expenses; second quarter, Church
Extension and General Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents'
Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this
conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. W. Kelley,
H. O. Coates,

W. R. Garrison,
J. A. Manning,

W. Mayfield,
I. H. Justice.

R. H. Hinton,

DELEGATES

George Tucker,
J. J. Pedigo.

J. M. Bowman,

T. S. Wilkerson,

T. W. Caldwell,

2. Who are the stationing committee? F. H. Ashcraft, J. W. W. Kelley, W.
Mayfield, J. J. Pedigo, J. M. Bowman.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. V. Towns.

4. Who remain on trial? J. M. Keen, D. Q. Moor, H. C. Foster.
6. Who are the deacons? I. H. Justice.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. A. Manning from the Central Illinois conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Gallatin, Tennessee; time left with the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT—J. A. MANNING, District Elder.

Scottsville, Petroleum, Bellwood and Alexander.....	J. W. W. Kelley
Bowling, Cassaday, Mt. Zion, Kelley's Chapel.....	R. H. Hinton
Beech Grove, Henderson, Steamport.....	Grant Miller, supply
New Roe and East Simpson.....	To be supplied

MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT.—J. A. MANNING, District Elder.

Mt. Beulah, Cedar Grove, Northtown, Rowletts	E. V. Towns
Louisville.....	To be supplied
I. H. Justice, evangelist; D. Q. Moor, left without appointment at his own request.	

NASHVILLE DISTRICT—W. MAYFIELD, District Elder.

Gallatin, Cottontown and Costillion Springs.....	J. M. Keen
Westmoreland, Bethlehem, Forest Chapel and Wolf Hill.....	W. R. Garrison
Lafayette, Dixon Spring, Williams school-house, Gibbs Cross Roads.....	H. O. Coates

TULLAHOMA DISTRICT.—W. MAYFIELD, District Elder.

Hillsboro, Manchester, Logan's Chapel, Kelley's Chapel.....	To be supplied
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MISCELLANEOUS

F. H. Ashcraft, being appointed by Walter A. Sellew, presided over the conference. His presence was very beneficial and greatly appreciated. The stationing committee recommended that the General Mission Board appropriate \$50 to the pastor of Mt. Beulah circuit to defray moving expenses. W. Mayfield was elected ministerial delegate to general conference, and James Elrod lay delegate.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

SCOTTSVILLE, MAMMOTH CAVE, CUMBERLAND RIVER AND COLUMBIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT	W. Mayfield, District Elder																	
Scottsville and Petroleum	B. S. Harper	40	1	41	1	2	3	18	130	3	\$ 1 63	\$ 1 48		\$ 3 10	\$ 2 76			
Bowling Green and Cassaday	R. H. Hinton	52	4	56	2	2	2	12	60	2	7 50	3 75		3 00	2 00			
Beech Grove	H. O. Coats									1								
New Roe	H. C. Foster									4								
MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT	W. Mayfield, District Elder																	
Mt Beulah and Northtown	D. Q. Moore	32		32	1						30	1 44		30	1 40			
Nolin and Sonora	Supplied																	
Louisville	Supplied																	
Glasgow	Supplied																	
CUMBERLAND RIVER DISTRICT	J. W. W. Kelley, Dist. Elder																	
I afayette	Thomas Carter	15		15														
Westmoreland and Bethlehem	W. R. Garrison	30	4	34	2	1				1	1 80	1 08		1 62	60			
Gallatin and Cotton town	J. M. Keen																	
Ridge top and Greenbrier	Supplied																	
COLUMBIA DISTRICT	J. W. W. Kelley, Dist. Elder																	
Columbia and Jones Valley	Supplied																	
Nashville and Franklin	Supplied																	
Jackson	Supplied																	
Hillsboro and Manchester	E. V. Towns, supply	20		20								25 76						
Public collections																		
Total		189	9	198	6	5	5	30	190	11	\$11 53	\$33 51		\$8 02	\$6 76			

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT											
Scottsville and Petro'eum.....		\$ 2 74	\$ 8 00		\$ 55 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 16 00	2	\$ 1200		
Bowling Green and Cassaday.....			10 00		99 52	33 42	23 10	4	1500		
Beech Grove.....					93 68	95	9 35				
New Roe.....					8 00						
MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT											
Mt Beulah and Northtown.....					7 57	22 68		2	700		
Nolin and Sonora.....											
Louisville.....											
Glasgow.....											
CUMBERLAND RIVER DISTRICT											
Lafayette.....											
Westmoreland and Bethlehem.....					17 50	10 23		1	400		
Gallatin and Cottontown.....					22 99	15 43	38 28				
Ridgetop and Greenbrier.....											
COLUMBIA DISTRICT											
Columbia and Jones Valley.....							50 00				
Nashville and Franklin.....											
Jackson.....											
Hillsboro and Manchester.....							30 00				
Total.....		\$2 74	\$18 00		\$304 26	\$90 71	\$166 73	9	\$3800		

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Vandergrift Heights,
Pennsylvania, October 8-12, 1902

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T. J. BALDRIDGE, Statistical Secretary.	J. F. SILVER, Railroad Secretary.
J. BARNHART, Treasurer.	J. H. WHITEMAN, Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, C. W. Stamp, A. Wilson, T. A. Cunningham.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—E. M. Adair.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sabbath-schools—T. J. Baldrige, H. L. Speer, S. H. Funkhouser.

On Reforms—A. Lenkerd, R. H. Bentley, Brooks Morgan.

On Publications—G. B. Lambert, A. F. Foust, D. G. Shirer.

On Education—J. B. Easton, T. R. Wayne, S. L. Smith.

On Memoirs—J. Barnhart, W. A. Sellew, H. A. Baldwin.

On Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, A. D. Zahniser, C. W. Stamp, G. B. Lambert, T. J. Baldrige.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. F. Silver, for three years; E. S. Zahniser, for two years; A. Wilson, for one year.

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ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions and Evangelists' Fund.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ministerial: A. D. Zahniser, 7 Catharine street, 32 Ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; J. Barnhart, 45 Ruth street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Reserve ministerial: C. W. Stamp, 805 Walker avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania; J. B. Easton, 210 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania. Lay: T. J. Baldrige, Apollo, Pennsylvania; S. L. Smith, Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Reserve lay: Mary J. Elliott, Grove City, Pennsylvania; Blanche E. Stamp, 805 Walker avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Barnhart,	R. H. Bentley,	W. A. Sellow,	A. D. Zahniser,
R. H. Freshwater,	E. S. Zahniser,	T. R. Wayne,	E. E. Shelhamer,
J. B. Easton,	H. A. Baldwin,	L. C. Andre,	A. F. Foust,
J. F. Silver,	H. L. Speer,	A. Wilson,	W. G. Long,
A. Lenkerd,	W. W. Spiker,	J. W. Howard,	Charles Fish,
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F. W. Boettner,	G. C. Wadding,	R. N. Large,	G. L. Coughron.

DELEGATES

T. C. Singleton,	T. J. Baldrige,	G. B. Lambert,	T. A. Cunningham,
J. W. Fetty,	Cora Hirt,	H. H. Baxter,	V. Geisey,
G. B. Snyder,	Martha Stout,	William Yauger,	George Sincely,
J. S. Long,	Nancy Riley,	Charles Sullivan,	S. L. Smith,
W. H. Bussard,	William Dickenson,	Mary Hartman,	W. W. Blossom,
Sarah Whiteman,	G. W. Coursin,	Sadie Hill,	W. E. Darrow,
Mrs. Oliver Hunter,	Agatha Kelley,	Brooks Morgan,	S. L. Funkhouser,
J. D. Dripps,	Mary Gillespie,	Elmer Wycoff,	Ida Barnes,
Jennie Garrow,	Miller Flocker,	Ida Craig,	Nathan Stout,
Lena Southworth,	William Brubaker,	W. I. Scott,	W. S. Mack.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellow, A. D. Zahniser, C. W. Stamp, E. S. Zahniser, W. G. Long, G. B. Lambert, T. J. Baldrige, Brooks Morgan, S. L. Smith.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. L. Wright, L. Kightlinger, W. W. Blossom, E. M. Adair, J. N. Grace, L. A. Southworth.

4. Who remain on trial? C. E. Phipps, A. E. Reinschmidt, J. N. McKim.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? G. C. Wadding, Robert Large, G. L. Coughron.

6. Who are the deacons? Charles Fish, J. W. Howard, B. Hosbach, C. F. Johnston, J. H. Whiteman, Paul Foy, F. W. Boettner, *G. C. Wadding, *G. L. Coughron, *R. N. Large. Local deacons: E. R. Smith, C. L. Wright, L. A. Southworth, Frederick Retzer.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. H. M. Zahniser.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? William Wilson.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? There are none.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with view to transfer to another conference? A. H. M. Zahniser.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? No claimants.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Mt. Pleasant,

*Ordained this year.

Pennsylvania, as near the third Wednesday of September, 1903, as can be arranged by the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

PITTSBURG DISTRICT—C. W. STAMP, District Elder, 805 Walker Avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, (Ruth street)	C. L. Wright, 45 Ruth street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
" (Anderson street)	W. W. Spiker, "
" (East End)	Laura Lamb, supply, corner Frankstown and Singer avenue, East End, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
" (Glenwood Avenue)	A. F. Foust, 5521 Sunny Sidestreet, "
" (Providence Mission)	E. W. Liebendorfer, superintendent, Mrs. Lieben-dorfer, matron, 13 Fort street, 32 ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Ford City and Rosston	M. J. Anthony, supply
Munhall and Verona	Florence Jones, supply
Braddock	J. N. McKim, 16 Corey street, Braddock, Pennsylvania
Christy Park	C. H. Miller, Christy Park, "
McKeesport	Alma Miller, supply, " " "
Smithton and Collinsburg	Rosella E. Adair, supply
Monongahela City and Manown	Beulah Foust, supply, 5521 Sunny Side street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Castle Shannon	Cora Spiker, supply, "
Kittanning	E. M. Adair, Kittanning, "
Carnegie, West End and McDonald	B. Hosbach, Carnegie, "
New Kensington	Thomas Bailey, supply, 203 Carnegie Building, Pittsburg, "
Washington	To be supplied
Edgewood	

W. A. Sellow, general superintendent, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York; Charles Fish, attending school at Greenville, Illinois; A. Lenkerd, to be employed in Providence Mission, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT—A. D. ZAHNISER, District Elder, 7 Catharine Street, 32 Ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Rochester and Vanport	D. G. Shirer, Ida McCoy Shirer, supply, Rochester, Pennsylvania
New Brighton	A. Wilson, New Brighton, "
Beaver Falls and Pleasant Valley	To be supplied
East Liverpool, East End and Irondale	J. W. Howard, Lulu Nixon, supply; 131 Seventh street, East Liverpool, Ohio
Chester (West Virginia)	Sarah Howard, supply, 131 Seventh street, East Liverpool, Ohio
Ohioville	J. N. Grace, Ohioville, Pennsylvania
Hookstown	Paul Fry, Hookstown, "
Lazearville (West Virginia), Empire and Bridgeport	C. H. Mason and G. W. Gilliland, supplies, Lazearville, West Virginia
Butler	J. B. Easton, 210 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
Mars and Cooperstown	E. L. Garrow, supply, Mars, "

Charles Phipps, left without appointment; R. H. Freshwater, left without appointment according to ¶ 83 of the Discipline.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT—J. BARNHART, District Elder, 45 Ruth Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Allegheny	To be supplied
Hites and Tarentum	J. F. Silver, Hites, Pennsylvania
Leechburg, Bagdad and Freeport	L. A. Southworth, Lena Southworth, supply, Leechburg, "
Vandergrift Heights	R. H. Bentley, Vandergrift Heights, "
Apollo	T. R. Wayne, Apollo, "
Avonmore and Perrysville	William Brubaker, supply, Avonmore, "
Blairsville	H. L. Speer, Blairsville, "
Black Lick and Homer City	L. Kightlinger, Black Lick, "
Indiana	L. C. Andre, Indiana, "

William Wilson, supernumerary.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT—E. S. ZAHNISER, District Elder, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Greensburg and Arona.....	R. N. Large, 125 Depot street, Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Jeanette.....	F. W. Boettner, Jeanette, “
Mt. Pleasant.....	G. C. Wadding, Mt. Pleasant, “
Cove Run.....	J. H. Whiteman, Percy, Fayette county, “
Cool Spring, Uniontown and New Haven.....	G. L. Coughron, Uniontown, “
Fairchance.....	O. Gornall, supply, Fairchance, “
Glendale.....	H. H. O'Bryon, supply, Haydentown, “
West Brownsville.....	Frank Henderson, supply, West Brownsville, “
Bolivar and Armagh.....	J. W. Fetty and Alice Fetty, supplies, Bolivar, “

A. H. M. Zahniser, granted a certificate of standing and transferred to the Oil City conference.

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT—W. G. LONG, Stationed Elder, Hendricks, West Virginia.

Hendricks.....	W. G. Long, Hendricks, West Virginia
Davis.....	W. W. Blossom, Davis, “
Samaria, McConkey and Grafton.....	C. F. Johnston, Grafton, “
Mt. Sharon, Fairmont and Monongah.....	John Spear and Malinda Spear, supplies, Fairmont, “

ATLANTA (GEORGIA) DISTRICT—E. E. SHELHAMER, Stationed Elder, 12 Gilmer Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta.....	H. A. Baldwin, 12 Gilmer street, Atlanta, Georgia
Macon.....	P. B. Hampton, supply, Macon, “
Flora.....	W. H. Tyler, supply, Flora, “
Walhalla and West Union, South Carolina.....	H. D. Brink, 12 Gilmer street, Atlanta, “
Dallas.....	E. E. Shelhamer, 12 Gilmer street, Atlanta, “
Gainesville.....	To be supplied
Trinity church.....	To be supplied

LOCAL PREACHERS

George B. Lambert.....	Butler, Pennsylvania	William Palm.....	Butler, Pennsylvania
T. A. Nail.....	“	F. B. Sellers.....	“
J. H. Ross.....	“	T. C. Singleton.....	Hites, “
John Fish.....	Hites, “	Samuel Fish.....	Hites, “
Miller Flocker.....	Vanport, “	W. E. Darrow.....	Irwin, “
Robert Burleigh, New Stanton, “	“	J. S. Long.....	Black Lick, “
R. A. Orokshank, Greensburg, “	“	H. H. Baxter.....	Parnassus, “
Jedediah Grover, Homer City, “	“	N. J. Paul.....	Pittsburg, “
George Delbridge, Hays Park, “	“	J. B. Lewis.....	Pittsburg, “
T. J. Baldrige.....	Apollo, “	J. W. Donaldson.....	Apollo, “
Joseph Davenport, Smithton, “	“	Albert Finley.....	Smithton, “
William Van Voltenburg, 65 Almeda street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.			
Paul Stewart, 701 Fifth avenue, Extension, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.			
Frederick Retzer (local deacon), West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania.			
F. L. Vangilder, Rural Route, No. 3, Fairmont, West Virginia.			
Brooks Morgan, Rural Route No. 3, Fairmont, West Virginia.			
Albert Simons, 5239 Gestrate street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.			
H. H. Shoemaker, Parsons, Tucker county, West Virginia.			
E. R. Smith (local deacon), New Brighton, Pennsylvania.			
William Davison, Percy, Fayette county, Pennsylvania.			
E. E. Harford, Percy, Fayette county, Pennsylvania.			
Edward Kolb (local elder), Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.			

For additional local preachers, see appointments.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twentieth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church at Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania, October 8-12, 1902. Six sittings were held—one each on Wednesday and Thursday, and two each on Friday and Saturday. Our much esteemed general

superintendent, W. A. Sellew, was greeted with joy. His name and seat is in this conference. He presided with ability, and preached to the edification and profit of all.

On the Sabbath several pulpits in other churches were filled by ministers of the conference.

From detached portions of the Pittsburg, Greensburg and Rochester districts the Allegheny district was formed as shown in the appointments. Also, several appointments in Georgia and adjacent territory were organized into a district.

Brother Albert Wilson was abundant in labors in providing entertainment. We were hospitably entertained.

The appointments were well received, and the preachers are determined by God's grace that the beginning of our third decade shall be marked by more united and consecrated efforts for the salvation of souls.

EVANGELISTS

Elizabeth Stewart.....	Empire, Ohio	*Lulu Nixon.....	East Liverpool, Ohio
Sadie Hill.....	Avonmore, Pennsylvania	*Cora Spiker.....	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Frances M. Wayne.....	Apollo, "	*Mary A. Morgan.....	Pittsburg, "
Addie Vangilder....	Samaria, West Virginia	Alice Petty.....	Bolivar, "
Lillie Heiskell.....	Samaria, "	Fannie Eaton....	New Haven, "
Cora Dawson.....	West Grafton, "	Mrs. Lillie C. Andre,	Indiana, "
*Miss Mary J. Elliott,	Indiana, Pennsylvania	*Ida McCoy Shirer,	Rochester, "
*Laura Lamb, corner	Frankstown avenue and	Singer street, E. E.,	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
*Mrs. Maretta Barnhart,	45 Ruth street,	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.	
Bessie Robinson,	Robinson P. O.,	Indiana county,	Pennsylvania.
*Mrs. Blanche Stamp,	805 Walker avenue,	Butler,	Pennsylvania.
Fannie Vangilder,	Rural Route No. 3,	Fairmont,	West Virginia.
Olive Vangilder,	Rural Route, No. 3,	Fairmont,	West Virginia.
Malinda Spears,	Rural Route No. 3,	Fairmont,	West Virginia.
Sadie Gray Haghn,	Elizabeth street,	Pittsburg,	Pennsylvania.
*Sarah Howard,	131 Seventh street,	East Liverpool,	Ohio.
Mrs. Lottie M. Wilson,	New Brighton,	Pennsylvania.	
Etta W. Baldwin,	12 Gilmer street,	Atlanta,	Georgia.
*Bertha Smith,	12 Gilmer street,	Atlanta,	Georgia.
Mrs. Edith M. Lenkerd,	Pittsburg,	Pennsylvania.	
*Rosella E. Adair,	West Newton,	Pennsylvania.	
Mrs. Lida Coughron,	Uniontown,	Pennsylvania.	
Margaret Mason,	New Brighton,	Pennsylvania.	
Emma H. Haviland.			

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—	Cash and receipts, \$333.90.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.—	Cash and receipts, \$201.06.
GENERAL MISSIONS.—	Cash and receipts, \$167.05.
CHURCH EXTENSION.—	Cash and receipts, \$111.30.
DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.—	Cash and receipts, \$167.05.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—	Cash and receipts, \$3.07.
CHILDREN'S FUND.—	Cash and receipts, \$6.10.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—	Cash and receipts, \$24.00.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—	Cash, \$151.39.
EVANGELISTS' FUND.—	Cash, \$33.80.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education beg leave to submit the following report: We believe in the development of the intellectual as well as the training of the moral being. And we are persuaded that the intellectual training cannot be neglected only at the sacrifice of the spiritual. Yet we are sure that the development of the spiritual is not altogether dependent upon the intellectual conceptions. We reaffirm our appreciation of the work of education among us as a church and again register our confidence in the work being done as education for character by the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary situated at North Chili, New York, and rejoice in the prosperity of all our schools which singly and together are accomplishing

*Conference Evangelists.

a grand and gracious work for the church and the world. We heartily recommend our Free Methodist families to remember the needs of these schools by sending their children to them, feeling assured that they will be advantaged in the development of their moral and spiritual natures with that of their intelligence; also to give freely of their means to lift the indebtedness which acts as a menace to their eternal prosperity. We also recommend that greater care be observed in taking the collections ordered to be taken by the general conference for Christian education upon each and every circuit throughout the church.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications beg to submit the following report: We are fully awake to the mighty influence of the press, which influence we are sorry to say is not always for good. Our mission as a church on this line is first, to exert our power in determined opposition to the publication and circulation of impure literature of all kinds. Their effect on mind and heart is very pernicious and degrading. The memory is impaired by the reading of impure novels and sensational books for entertainment while no effort is made to remember what is read. The imagination is subverted by impossible ideas; the judgment is warped; the will debased if not destroyed; while the natural tendency to succumb by low cunning is increased so that the finer soul qualities are strangled and finally driven from the heart. What waves of crime, forgeries, thefts, libels, murders, follow in the wake of this evil. It shall have continually our scathing denunciation.

While it is true that bad literature will produce bad, it is equally true that good literature will produce good, hence our mission as a church is, secondly, to exert our power in the circulation of good books and periodicals. There are a number of good publishing houses to which we say God-speed, but as a body we especially endorse the work of our own house. We believe our numerous publications stand second to none for purity and spirituality. We admire the enterprise of the church shown in the securing of the plates for standard books on holiness which were rapidly going out of print. We wish to express our grateful appreciation of the services of our dear Brother S. K. J. Chesbro, and also of those associated with him in the printing of our papers and supplies. We are not forgetful of their promptness in filling orders. We are sorry so many of our people can afford to take so many papers to the exclusion of the *Free Methodist*, and wish to pledge ourselves to greater diligence in creating a deeper interest in it, and in securing subscribers for it. We shall be emphatic in our insistence on the reading and study of good books.

IV.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The theory is that the Sunday-school is the nursery of the church, and from it we are supposed to reap abundant fruit. This may be true in some churches and to some extent in our own, but in this section this does not prove to be true. Facts are stubborn things. Young people go out from our schools to live worldly lives or join churches that do not teach the high standard of living that we do. What is the reason? First, because some of our most spiritual members are not interested in Sunday-school work. They as a consequence stay at home and by their example and absence show their apparent disapproval of the work. Second, the children of Free Methodist parents after they reach the age of ten or twelve years grow restless and ashamed of the restraint and reproach of this narrow way, and are allowed to go to other schools where they are almost invariably untaught any good they may have learned at home. Third, our Sunday-schools are not spiritual enough. It is not enough to inculcate the letter of the word, but this is often the case. Spiritual truth told without the Spirit accompanying it is powerless to reach the heart. Fourth, our schools are not thorough enough. In a great many places a spirit of searching the scriptures is scarcely known. Surface truth is minced over while beneath lies the great ocean of divine truth unexplained. Foolish and unlearned questions are often the order of the day. Fifth, we do not make the young people feel that they are studying the most important book in the world, and one that should be revered and by which they shall eventually be judged. Sixth, it is often the case that the teacher himself knows very little about the lesson and is incapable of bringing out the deep things of God, both from lack of study and of spiritual depth. Seventh, as a consequence of all this and other things that might be mentioned some of our schools become monotonous, lacking in interest, lacking in energy, lacking in Spirit, and do not know Christ.

Let us suggest a remedy. Let the preacher interest himself in the work. If he is indifferent to it we should recommend that a season of heart searching would help to get him ready for the work. Let him search for the cause of the failure of his individual school to save souls (for souls instead of head knowledge should be the end of all our efforts), then let him diligently seek to right these wrongs. He will then stir up the indifferent ones by his own earnestness. Liven things up with good wholesome talks, encourage searching the scriptures; impress the importance of the word on young hearts. Make things interesting and two ends will be accomplished—a larger attendance and the salvation of souls.

We would add the following. Whereas we regard the Sunday-school as occupying a very

important field of church work, we would note with pleasure the introduction of the Home Department of the Sunday-school by our Sunday-school secretary, Rev. W. B. Olmstead. To the extent of its use in the Pittsburg conference it has proven an inspiration and blessing to the Sunday-school work. And we regard its introduction as most important to our work, and urge our ministers and Sunday-school superintendents to introduce it as early as possible.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PITTSBURG DISTRICT											
Vandergrift Heights			\$ 74 97		\$ 720 80	\$ 88 73		1	\$ 4600		
Kittanning	\$ 2 50		90 95		420 71	50 95	\$ 39 97	1	1500		
Braddock			11 25		299 54	53 29	3 50	1	3000	1	
Apollo			81 69		687 00	105 16	16 00	2			
Smithton and West Newton			50 04		397 00	80 68		2	4000		
East End, Vicksburg			40 00		370 49	62 33	78 23	1		1	
Anderson St., Pittsburg		75	2 57	\$ 1 75	531 50	57 80	1 05	1	3000		
Munhall and Glenwood			28 21	1 50	537 36	82 47	1 75	1	1000		
Ruth street, Pittsburg	\$ 2 20		37 27		620 00	89 85		1	1800	1	1600
Avonmore and Perrysville					400 00	55 50		1	1600		
New Kensington and Verona					29 57	35 52		1	1500		
Carnegie, McDonald, West End			26 30		600 90	138 34	3 40	1	1000		
McKeesport and Christy Park	1 51		71 39		700 00	80 23	35 64	1	1600		
Pittsburg, South Side						11					
Atlanta mission			44 36								
Monongahela City and Columbia					46 27	18 27	5 00				
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT											
Monongah					217 00	19 88					
Mt. Sharon, Samaria, McConkey			4 00		166 20	65 31	5 33	3	1800		
Hendricks	67	67	12 88		129 89	50 06	8 66	1	800		
Davis			17 45		78 60	10 35	14 84	1	800		
GREENSBURG DISTRICT											
Indiana			24 25	1 50	346 00	68 30	2 00	1	1000		
Cove Run			33 77		433 07	110 50	1 55	1	1000	1	500
Homer and Blacklick				10 50	111 69	41 09	66 1		1000		
Greensburg	87		10 54		301 29	29 86	1 02	1	1800	1	400
Mt. Pleasant			23 10		183 20	54 58	16 68	1	1800	1	1500
Cool Spring and New Haven			17 41		232 46	98 46	4 30	1	600		
Jeannette			18 10	60	337 43	41 97		1	3000		
Fairchance			28 47		580 78	121 02		1	1500	1	1500
Blairsville			30 47	3 75	448 46	71 00	22 06	1	1500		
Bolivar			12 30		132 00	23 97		1	1500		
Glendale			7 10		192 09	21 33		1	800		
West Brownsville						11 33					
Avona			22 50		99 87	38 12	29 50	1	1500		
ROCHESTER DISTRICT											
Rochester and Pleasant Valley			49 47		500 00	77 59		2	3500	1	1300
Chester		65	25 00	50	140 00	53 00	5 00	1	1900		
Hites and Parentum			73 00		654 66	90 56	8 00	1	2500	1	1800
East Liverpool			79 29	25	309 93	64 88	14 67	1	3000		
Bridgeport			25 00		319 84	44 40					
Mars			24 07		466 66	37 94	64 08	1			
Ohioville			18 20		374 27	47 20		1	1500		
Hookstown			27 01		350 00		10 00				
Butler			110 56		665 00	129 50		1	2500		
Leechburg and Bagdad			42 70		401 94	43 28	5 52	2	2000		
Lazearville					350 00	42 00	43 00				
New Brighton			91 00		660 00	120 00	100 00	1	4000	1	2000
Total	\$3 74	\$6 08	\$1387 04	\$19 35	15592 27	\$2626 59	\$541 31	43	\$65600	10	\$10600

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

PITTSBURG AND WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICTS

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
PITTSBURG DISTRICT																		
Vandergrift Heights.....	C. W. Stamp, District Elder	35	6	41	1	1	1	12	112	7	\$ 9.30	\$ 5.58	\$ 4.65	\$ 4.65	\$ 3.10	\$ 4.65	\$ 110.19	
Kittanning.....	A. Wilson.....	41	17	58	1	1	1	12	148	7	7.50	4.50	3.75	3.75	2.60	3.75	39.32	
Bradock.....	E. M. McMillan.....	19	13	32	1	1	1	6	15	2	5.94	3.24	2.70	2.70	1.80	2.70	19.71	
Apollonia.....	W. R. Wayne.....	65	24	89	2	1	1	15	90	17	19.60	11.70	9.75	9.75	6.50	9.75	47.30	
Spottsville and West Newton.....	W. Spiker.....	84	35	119	2	1	1	13	90	4	11.40	6.84	5.70	5.70	3.80	5.70	38.03	
East End, Pittsburg.....	Laura Lamb, supply.....	25	5	30	1	1	1	7	35	6	2.40	1.35	2.25	1.35	3.90	1.35	26.98	
Anderson St. Pittsburg.....	A. Lenkerd.....	19	7	26	2	1	1	3	15	6	3.60	3.78	3.15	3.15	2.10	3.15	21.43	
Munhall and Glenwood.....	C. L. Wright.....	29	7	36	1	1	1	11	60	17	7.92	4.32	2.88	2.88	2.40	2.88	30.00	
Ruth street, Pittsburg.....	Rosella E. Adair, supply.....	43	4	47	1	2	1	6	30	6	15.90	9.18	7.65	7.65	5.10	7.65	47.18	
Avonmore and Perrysville.....	Thomas H. Bailey.....	21	1	22	1	1	1	1	60	17	6.00	3.60	4.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	15.00	
New Kensington and Verona.....	B. Hosbach.....	12	3	15	1	1	1	4	20	2	1.80	1.08	1.90	1.90	60	1.90	9.80	
Carnegie, McDonald and West End.....	C. H. Miller.....	35	4	40	1	1	1	4	25	4	9.90	5.94	4.95	4.95	3.80	4.95	4.75	
McKeesport and Christy Park.....	C. W. Stamp.....	42	9	51	1	1	1	24	76	6	11.10	6.66	5.55	5.55	3.70	5.55	106.18	
Pittsburg, South Side.....	E. E. Shebamer.....	12	4	16	3	1	1	10	24	3	3.60	2.16	1.80	1.80	1.20	1.80	40.00	
Atlanta mission.....	C. W. Stamp.....	14	4	18	1	1	1	1	24	3	1.20	72	1.80	1.80	40	60	23.86	
Monongahela City and Columbia.....		5		5	1					1								
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT																		
W. G. Long, Stationed Elder																		
Monongah.....	C. F. Johnston.....	8	2	10	1	1	1	3	30	1	30	18	20	10	10	15	.....	9.47
Mt. Sharon.....	John Spears.....	27	9	36	3	9	2	5	25	1	7.50	4.50	3.75	3.75	2.50	3.75	13.36	6.43
Hendricks.....	W. G. Long.....	13	5	18	1	1	1	5	25	1	2.70	1.62	1.80	1.35	60	1.35	2.06	
Davis.....	W. W. Blossom.....	4	2	6	1	1	1	4	35	.....	1.80	1.08	1.20	1.90	60	1.90	2.06	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

GREENSBURG AND ROCHESTER DISTRICTS

CHARGE		PREACHER										Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci- eties				
		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claim- ants' Fund	General Superin- tendents' Claim		Conference Mis- sions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim
GREENSBURG DISTRICT																
Indiana.....		25	6	31	2	1	6	30	3	6 27	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	2 85	\$ 48 00
Cove Run.....		29	2	31	2	1	12	45	3	12 30	7 38	6 15	6 15	4 10	6 15	.....
Homestead.....		25	2	27	2	1	7	20	3	7 50	4 50	3 75	2 64	1 50	2 25	.....
Greensburg.....		13	4	17	1	1	4	15	3	4 50	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 25	.....
Mt Pleasant.....		13	4	17	1	1	4	15	3	4 50	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 25	.....
Cool Spring and New Haven.....		25	6	31	2	1	6	20	3	6 00	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	3 75	1 00
Jeannette.....		13	5	18	1	1	4	20	5	3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	1 80	35 00
Fairchance.....		51	8	59	1	1	4	50	5	16 20	9 72	8 10	8 10	5 40	8 10	31 44
Blairsville.....		25	6	31	1	1	4	23	6	7 80	4 60	3 90	3 90	2 60	3 90	45 66
Bolivar.....		16	3	19	1	1	4	20	1	5 00	4 00	2 00	2 50	1 60	2 50	44 10
Glendale.....		3	3	6	1	1	4	20	1	3 90	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	2 34	.....
West Brownsville.....		9	6	15	1	1	5	35	3	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	1 20	21 60
Avona.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ROCHESTER DISTRICT																
Rochester and Pleasant Valley.....		46	6	52	2	1	12	100	12	15 90	9 54	7 95	7 95	5 30	7 95	160 00
Chester.....		13	1	14	3	1	6	35	6	3 30	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 65	.....
Hites and Tarentum.....		46	3	49	3	2	15	65	5	13 20	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	6 80	35 00
East Liverpool.....		28	27	55	2	2	13	66	3	4 50	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	2 25	12 36
Bridgeport.....		19	5	24	1	1	6	20	2	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 50	12 36
Mars.....		9	7	16	1	1	6	20	2	4 20	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	2 10	12 36
Ohioville.....		12	14	26	1	1	6	35	7	3 30	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	1 65	13 88
Hocktown.....		16	12	28	1	1	6	70	3	26 10	15 66	13 05	8 70	13 00	13 05	10 50
Butler.....		83	5	88	5	1	13	135	25	6 60	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	3 30	.....
Lechburg and Bagdad.....		23	2	25	2	3	13	40	2	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	35 00
Lazarville.....		23	2	25	1	2	24	150	40	27 00	16 20	13 50	13 50	9 00	13 50	112 00
New Brighton.....		96	27	123	1	2	24	150	20	27 00	16 20	13 50	13 50	9 00	13 50	.....
Total.....		1178	243	1421	43	32	325	1880	251	\$290 56	\$197 89	\$164 88	\$161 04	\$104 80	\$157 29	\$101 70 1159 77

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session, held at Pardeeville, Wisconsin,
September 3-6, 1902.

OFFICERS

B. WINGET, Acting President.

L. B. WEBB, Secretary.

J. J. JONES, C. SIGGLEKOW, Assistant Secretaries.

H. A. KNAPP, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, N. J. Davis, R. H. Warren.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Mrs. J. M. Kellett, Celia Kast.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. W. Jones, Mrs. M. C. Wolfe,
Mrs. Emma Fitzgerald, C. E. Taylor.

On Missions—R. H. Warren, J. J. Jones, E. A. Wolfe, D. O. Dietzman, George
Ford, Thomas Alcock.

On Publications—H. W. Hills, George Brownell, R. Pearsall, J. F. Thomson.

On Education—N. J. Davis, D. W. Hart, F. L. Burns, F. Schultz, W. K. Jewell,
Lee Smith.

On Sabbath-schools—R. Carne, Mrs. S. E. Barker, E. Z. Thwing, F. F. Wolfe,
F. O. Lewis, Mrs. Ida Devoe, Mary King, W. L. Meikle.

On Reforms—E. J. Roberts, F. S. Kamm, J. B. Coffrin, E. A. Knaak, D. S.
Reed, E. W. Hawley, William Plant.

On Claims and Claimants—J. E. Coleman, J. Turgeson, G. C. Brownell, E.
Gillingham.

On State of the Work—A. J. Damon, J. E. Coleman, J. Turgeson, L. B. Webb,
N. J. Davis, T. Charmley, E. Gillingham.

On Ministerial Relations—L. B. Webb, N. J. Davis, J. Turgeson, G. C.
Brownell, R. Pearsall.

To Equalize Traveling Expenses of Preachers to and from Conference—E. J.
Roberts, H. W. Hills.

To Visit Evansville Seminary—B. J. Vincent, A. E. Knaak.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. J. Jones, E. N. Hawley, H. W. Hills.

To Take Subscriptions for General Conference Daily—E. A. Wolfe, C. A.
Taylor.

On Memoirs—E. Z. Thwing.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On State of the Work—J. E. Coleman.

On Education—E. G. Burritt.

On Reforms—D. O. Dietzman.

On Missions—E. A. Wolfe.

On Sabbath-schools—J. W. Jones.

On Publications—C. Sigglekow.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. J. Roberts, retires 1903; E. N. Hawley, secretary, retires 1904; J. F. Thomson
president, retires 1905.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. Carne, secretary, J. Turgeson, retire 1903; A. J. Damon, E. P. Tullis, retire 1904;
E. Z. Thwing, president, G. C. Brownell, retire 1905.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

N. J. Davis, R. Carne, secretary, retire 1903; L. B. Webb, president, E. P. Tullis,
retire 1904; J. E. Coleman, treasurer, C. L. Franz, retire 1905.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. Turgeson, W. H. Webb, retire 1903; J. E. Coleman, treasurer, E. Z. Thwing, retire 1904; L. B. Webb, president, R. Carne, secretary, retire 1905.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. Z. Thwing,	T. Charmley,	W. G. Hanmer,	J. E. Coleman,
W. Plant,	R. Carne,	L. B. Webb,	J. Turgeson,
C. Siggelkow,	F. F. Wolfe,	V. Charriou,	A. C. Jett,
W. W. Bates,	C. A. Ousick,	H. A. Knapp,	E. N. Hawley,
F. L. Burns,	D. O. Dietzman,	D. G. Jones,	E. J. Roberts,
A. J. Damon,	F. O. Lewis,	D. W. Hart,	A. H. Stilwell,
E. A. Wolfe,	J. F. Thomson,	N. B. Ghormley,	N. J. Davis,
J. J. Jones,	H. W. Hills,	R. H. Warren,	J. B. Coffrin,
F. S. Kamm,	A. E. Knaak,	V. G. McMurry,	D. S. Reed,
C. H. Chase.			

DELEGATES

T. J. Charmley,	C. E. Taylor,	A. A. Tripp,	Lee Smith,
Mrs. S. E. Barker,	F. Nickels,	Mrs. J. M. Kellett,	J. W. Jones,
George C. Brownell,	Mrs. Mary King,	Mrs. Nina Harmon,	George Ford,
Mrs. M. O. Wolfe,	W. K. Jewell,	F. K. Schultz,	T. Alcock,
Mrs. Ida Devoe,	Celia Kast,	Mrs. E. Fitzgerald,	R. S. Pearsall,
Elias Gillingham.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, J. E. Coleman, J. Turgeson, N. J. Davis, George C. Brownell, Elias Gillingham, W. K. Jewell.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. Walter Jones, E. G. Burritt.

4. Who remain on trial? W. L. Mickle.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. B. Coffrin, F. S. Kamm, A. E. Knaak, D. S. Reed.

6. Who are the deacons? F. L. Burns, J. B. Coffrin, D. O. Dietzman, H. W. Hills, D. G. Jones, J. J. Jones, J. Walter Jones, F. S. Kamm, A. E. Knaak, F. O. Lewis, W. L. Mickle, D. S. Reed, R. H. Warren, E. A. Wolfe.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. F. Wolfe.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. Plant, D. G. Jones.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? T. Charmley, C. A. Ousick.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? C. H. Chase was received from the Congregational church on parchments formerly given him by this conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. W. Bates and N. B. Ghormley.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? L. Whitney.

16-23. See reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Richland Center, Wisconsin, as near the middle of September, 1903, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported \$500.33 raised during the year on the several districts, as follows: Oshkosh, \$23.27; Beaver Dam, \$39.58; Richland, \$56.99; Platteville, \$56.36; Hillsboro, \$26.55; Evansville, \$130.43; Northwest, \$137.85; from various sources, \$30.10.

The committee on claimants and claims recommends for T. Charmley, \$25; for C. A. Cusick, \$130; for Mrs. M. M. Hughes, \$10; for her son, \$36.

An appropriation of \$25 was asked of the General Missionary Board for York Center circuit; for Weyerhauser circuit, \$25; for Lloyd and Little Willow circuit, \$25; for Boscobel circuit, \$30.

Sixteen preachers answered "yea" to the roll call for membership in the Ministers' Mutual Aid Association.

The conference ordered a collection amounting to twenty-five cents per each member in full connection to be taken for home mission purposes, 25 per cent. of which is to be appropriated for the work on the districts at the discretion of the district elders, and 37½ per cent. to be used in paying freight bills of preachers who move next year.

The conference collections are to be taken as follows: November, Home Missions; February, General Missions; April, Conference Claimants; June, Evansville Seminary, 15 cents per member; August, Church Extension. The Home Missions and Church Extension collections should be sent to Rev. J. E. Coleman, Evansville, Wisconsin; Evansville Seminary Fund, to Rev. L. B. Webb, Evansville, Wisconsin, the others to S. K. J. Chesbro, 14 North May St., Chicago.

The conference elected as delegates to the general conference: Ministerial, L. B. Webb, N. J. Davis; reserve, J. E. Coleman, A. J. Damon; lay, George C. Brownell, Elias Gillingham; reserve, W. K. Jewell, J. Walter Jones.

Rev. J. B. Davidson, Field Secretary of the Wisconsin Sunday Rest Day Association, was introduced to the conference, and gave an interesting representation of his work.

The following resolution was adopted by the conference: *Resolved*, that we recommend all of our churches to give special attention to the subject of Sabbath observance during the Lord's Day week, beginning with the Sabbath after Easter.

The business sittings and religious services of this conference were attended with an unusual degree of the divine blessing. A goodly number were either saved or sanctified during the week.

APPOINTMENTS

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder, Evansville, Wisconsin.

Evansville and Albany... W. L. Mickle, Albany, Wis.; N. J. Davis, Evansville, Wisconsin
Milwaukee (First church)... D. W. Hart, 620 Twentieth street, Milwaukee,

" (Second church).....

..... E. J. Roberts, Mary C. Roberts, supply, 473 Tenth avenue, Milwaukee, "
Whitewater and Palmyra..... F. S. Kamm, Whitewater, "
Marshall circuit..... H. W. Hills, Marshall, "

Waukesha and Colgate..... To be supplied
Sharon..... To be supplied

W. G. Hammer, general conference evangelist; L. B. Webb, financial agent for Evansville Seminary; A. H. Stilwell, principal Seattle Seminary (Washington); E. G. Burritt, principal of Evansville Seminary; V. G. McMurry, missionary to India; A. C. Jett, conference evangelist; C. A. Cusick, superannuated; V. Charrion, left without an appointment.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder.

Platteville, Arthur, Cuba and New Diggings..... F. L. Burns, Platteville, Wisconsin
Montfort and Livingston..... F. O. Lewis, Montfort, "
Boscobel, Werley and Fennimore..... J. B. Coffrin, Boscobel, "

RICHLAND DISTRICT—J. E. COLEMAN, District Elder, Evansville, Wisconsin.

Richland Center and Mill Creek.....R. Carne, Richland Center, Wisconsin
 Gillingham circuit.....
 D. O. Dietzman, Gillingham, Wisconsin; George Ford, supply, West Lima, "
 Lloyd, Little Willow and Ithaca.....J. F. Thomson, Lloyd, "
 D. G. Jones, supernumerary.

BEAVER DAM DISTRICT—J. E. COLEMAN, District Elder.

Beaver Dam.....J. J. Jones, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
 Pardeeville.....B. J. Vincent, supply, Pardeeville, "
 Caledonia circuit.....H. A. Knapp, Portage, "
 Baraboo.....Charles Siggelkow, Baraboo, "
 Oshkosh (Elm and Merritt streets).....
 R. H. Warren, corner Elm and New streets, Oshkosh, "
 Fond du Lac.....To be supplied
 Buckbee and Clintonville.....To be supplied
 Cobbtown and Veteran's Home.....To be supplied
 T. C. Charmley, superannuated; C. H. Chase, conference evangelist.

RHINELANDER DISTRICT—J. E. COLEMAN, District Elder.

Rhineland and Woodboro.....F. F. Wolfe, Rhineland, Wisconsin
 Three Lakes and Monico Junction.....J. Walter Jones, Three Lakes, "

HUMBIRD DISTRICT—J. TURGESON, District Elder, Barron, Wisconsin.

Humbird and Augusta.....E. N. Hawley, Humbird, Wisconsin
 York Center circuit.....E. Z. Thwing, Wilcox, "
 Jackson county.....To be supplied
 La Farge circuit.....D. S. Reed, La Farge, Wisconsin
 Hillsboro circuit.....To be supplied
 W. Plant supernumerary.

BARRON DISTRICT—J. TURGESON, District Elder.

Sioux Creek, Burton and Pecon S. H.....A. E. Knaak, Chetek, Wisconsin
 Parker, Clinton and Brown S. H.....To be supplied
 Sioska circuit.....W. B. Good, supply, Shetek, Wisconsin
 Weyerhauser circuit.....J. L. Phillips, supply, Weyerhauser, "
 Pierce county and Emerald.....E. A. Wolfe, Rock Elm, "
 Menomonie circuit.....To be supplied
 A. D. Gillett, conference missionary, without claim.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Ira Emerton.....Evansville, Wisconsin
 Mrs. Grace J. Webb.....Evansville, "
 O. J. Green.....Manderson, South Dakota
 Ida L. Conrad.....Orleans, Nebraska
 Esther Hart.....620 20th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Elias Gillingham.....Gillingham, Wisconsin
 Mrs. M. M. Hughes, Beaver Dam, "
 R. Pate.....Pardeeville, "
 Mrs. Florence Maxon Humbird, "
 T. Alcock.....Arthur, "
 John Wetmore.....Clintonville, "
 William Bell.....Chetek, "
 Fred Shafer.....Rice Lake, "
 Mrs. Nettie J. Kamm, Whitewater, "
 Mrs. A. G. Moore.....Waupaca, "
 Jahn O. Livingston.....Livingston, "
 Mrs. Florence Jones, Three Lakes, "
 Arthur A. Tripp.....Rhineland, "
 Charles L. Franz.....Fall River, "
 Mrs. M. C. Roberts, 473 Tenth avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Mary L. Coleman.....Evansville, Wis.
 Lillian M. Bushnell, Evansville, Wisconsin
 Lee C. Munns.....Conrad, Iowa
 Mattie Stoll.....
 H. G. Jones.....La Valle, Wisconsin
 John Maley.....Hub City, "
 E. P. Tullis.....Pardeeville, "
 E. P. Zeller.....Hillsboro, "
 Lissa M. Saugstad, Black River Falls, Wis.
 John McLeod.....Arthur, Wisconsin
 W. S. Waters.....Platteville, "
 Arthur Stevens.....Barron, "
 Mrs. Emma Coffrin, Boscobel, "
 Mrs. Mary E. Carne, Richland Center, Wis.
 Mrs. Letitia Stickels.....Racine, Wisconsin
 Nellie Cocklin.....Whitewater, "
 Grant Hamilton.....Rhineland, "
 A. J. Barringer.....Rosehill, Louisiana
 Mrs. L. Franz.....Fall River, Wisconsin

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

MILWAUKEE, EVANSVILLE, PLATTEVILLE AND RICHLAND DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
MILWAUKEE DISTRICT	J. E. Coleman, District Elder																	
	D. W. Hart	20	4	24	1	1	1	6	57	4	6 30	3 78	5 20	3 10	2 10	3 15		20 75
	Milwaukee (First Church)	37	11	48	3	3	1	10	50	10	11 40	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	5 70		34 54
	Milwaukee (Second Church)	10		10				4	30	1	2 40	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	1 20		
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT	J. E. Coleman, District Elder																	
	L. B. Webb	63	4	67	4	5	1	13	62	15	20 79	9 45	15 75	9 45	6 30	9 45	113 75	33 75
	Porter's and Pierceville	12		12	2				18	8	4 80	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	2 40		
	Albany	3		3		1		4	30	2	90	54	75	45	30	45	5 00	
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT	A. J. Damon, District Elder																	
	F. L. Burns	42		42	4	1	2	9	40	6	14 40	8 64	12 00	7 20	3 40			
	Montfort and Livingston	49	6	54	2	2	2	11	40	7	12 60	7 55	10 50	6 30	4 20	6 30		30 85
	Boscobel, Wexley and Fennimore	25	3	28			2	13	32	2	8 40	5 04				4 20		
RICHLAND DISTRICT	A. J. Damon, District Elder																	
	R. Carne	34		34			2	19	70	7	12 00	7 20	10 00	6 00	4 00	6 00		11 01
	D. O. Dietzman	38	9	47	2	1	1	3	15	7	12 00	7 20	10 00	6 00	4 00	6 00		4 50
	Little Willow and Lloyd	19	6	25		2	1	8	53	2	5 40	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	2 70		15 74

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

BEAVER DAM, OSHKOSH, NORTHWEST AND HILLSBORO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claim	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions	
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT																																	
	N. J. Davis, District Elder																																
Beaver Dam.....																			5	9 00	5 40	7 50	4 50	3 00	4 50	17 15							
Portage and Caledonia.....																			7 30	5 68	7 75	4 65	3 10	4 65	5 75								
Pardeeville and Pacific.....																			5 70	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90	2 85									
Baraboo and Excelsior.....																			4 20	2 52	3 60	2 10	1 40	2 10									
OSHKOSH DISTRICT																																	
	N. J. Davis, District Elder																																
Oshkosh.....																			8	12 00	7 00	10 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	16 27							
Fond du Lac.....																			2	5 10	3 06	4 25	2 55	1 70	2 55								
Rhineland.....																			3	3 00	1 80	2 50	1 50	1 00	1 50								
Buckbee and Clintonville.....																			2														
NORTHWEST DISTRICT																																	
	J. Turgeson, District Elder																																
Humbird, Hale and Augusta.....																			12	14 44	7 64	12 00	7 20	3 00	4 50	30 54							
York Center.....																			4	9 00	5 40	7 50	4 50	3 00	4 50	28 11							
Barron county.....																			15	18 90	11 34	15 75	9 45	1 00	2 25	34 68							
Menomonie.....																			2	4 50	2 70	2 09	2 25	1 00	2 25								
Kenosha.....																			2	2 10	1 26	2 21	1 05	1 50	1 05								
Winona.....																			2														
Winona.....																			2														
Pleasant Valley, N. Lima, Island Lake.....																			10	10 21													
Weyauwaupee.....																			11	16 11													
Jackson county.....																			4		50	1 00				12 39							
HILLSBORO DISTRICT																																	
	J. Turgeson, District Elder																																
La Farge circuit.....																			10	8 10	4 85	6 75	4 05	2 70	4 05	9 90							
La Valle, Hill's Prairie and Trippville.....																			7	8 70	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	4 35	7 25							
Camp Douglas.....																			2	1 20	1 72	1 00	60	40	1 00	8 05							
Total.....																			175	\$235 93	\$127 81	\$183 85	\$112 75	\$58 00	100 50	\$133 09	\$316 22						

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
MILWAUKEE DISTRICT											
Milwaukee (First Church)			\$ 34 38		\$ 387 29	\$ 42 00		1	\$ 3500	1	\$ 1500
Milwaukee (Second Church)	\$ 1 56	\$ 1 56	45 64	60	427 17	64 60	\$ 26 40	1	3500		
Waukesha						16 97		1	2800		
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT											
Evansville			48 33	24	380 00	100 00	30 18			1	250
Porter's and Pierceville					214 17	40 00	19 55	2	2000		
Albany			15 00		195 29	20 00	6 00	1	1200	1	1000
Sharon								1	600		
Whitewater and Palmyra	4 06				253 75	40 00		2	2800		
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT											
Platteville, Arthur, Cuba, etc.			7 50		410 00	88 21	10 00	4	3800	2	2200
Montfort and Livingston			21 48		383 29	108 63	21 00	2	1800	1	400
Boscobel, Werley and Fennimore ..					167 26	45 45		2	2000		
RICHLAND DISTRICT											
Richland Center and Mill Creek ..			23 48		350 00	64 00	10 00	2	2600	1	1000
Gillingham and Hub City			8 00	30	325 00	64 15	7 44	1	1000	1	700
Little Willow and Lloyd			10 12		115 66	28 80		2	1700	1	500
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT											
Beaver Dam			10 00		450 00	60 00	24 93	1	2500	1	1400
Portage and Caledonia		2 15	12 58		323 71	101 28	19 99	2	1600		
Pardeeville and Pacific			25 00		429 56	50 00	69 66	1	800	1	1200
Baraboo and Excelsior					198 76	35 45	11 17	2	1600	1	800
OSHKOSH DISTRICT											
Oshkosh			31 17		372 00	75 00	10 72	2	5000	2	
Fond du Lac			4 98		64 00						
Rhineland			16 00		500 00	76 35	35 00	2	3500	1	
Buckbee and Clintonville					38 46	25 50		2	800		
NORTHWEST DISTRICT											
Humbird, Hale and Augusta			14 01		221 28	53 00		1	2000	1	
York Center	2 07		17 30		185 00	50 47	20 94	1	1200		
Barron county			25 25	30	319 15	78 65		1	500		
Menomonie											
Emerald								1	900		
Pleasant Valley, N. Lima, etc.			5 00		101 00	23 23	3 75				
Weyerhauser			11 00		35 48						
Jackson county			8 25		92 98	17 62	19 08				
HILLSBORO DISTRICT											
La Farge circuit			2 85	30	318 36	90 30	73 37	2	1680		
La Valle, Hill's Prairie, Trippville ..			12 00		216 56	44 10	8 79	2	1750		
Camp Douglas						3 00					
Total	\$7 68	\$3 71	\$406 32	\$1 74	\$7473 08	\$1506 76	\$427 92	42	\$52700 16	\$10950	

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held at Coldwater, Oklahoma,
October 22-26, 1902.

OFFICERS

W. B. OLMSTEAD, Acting President.

F. H. SMITH, Secretary.

G. M. HADDUCK, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. B. Olmstead, T. H. Allen, C. E. Harroun, Sr.

To Receive Funds for Home, Foreign and General Missions—E. O. Davenport.

To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—James Wright.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—James Seacord.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—T. H. Allen.

To Receive Children's and Educational Funds—Slade Freer.

To Receive Church Extension Fund—L. C. Gould.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—James Seacord, E. W. Wells.

On Reforms—T. H. Allen, E. O. Davenport.

On Education—C. E. Harroun, Jr., G. L. Anderson.

On Sunday-schools—Slade Freer, C. Mattenley.

On Publications—J. L. Brown, C. E. Harroun, Sr.

On Memoirs—C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. L. Brown.

To Receive Funds for General Conference Delegates' Expenses—Platt Huston.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. H. Allen, president; G. M. Hadduck, secretary; J. H. Wright, treasurer, J. L. Brown, L. C. Gould.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE EXAMINERS

J. L. Brown, president, retires at conference, 1903; T. H. Allen, secretary, retires at conference, 1904; C. E. Harroun, Jr., retires at conference, 1905.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Rilla Allen, president, Cashion, O. T.; Maggie Shoup, vice president; Alice Wright, secretary, Enid, Oklahoma; Mrs. Slade Freer, treasurer, Cashion, O. T. Delegate to general conference, Mrs. Rilla Allen.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Harroun, Sr.,
Melvin Wright,
T. H. Allen,

Slade Freer,
J. L. Brown,
C. Mattenley,

C. E. Harroun, Jr.,
F. H. Smith,
G. W. Woogerd.

A. Maker,
C. W. Van Treese,

DELEGATES

G. L. Anderson,
J. H. Wright,
G. W. Blakely,

C. M. Baker,
Carrie Harroun,
E. O. Davenport,

Platt Huston,
Arkensy Fullington,
G. M. Hadduck,

L. C. Gould,
E. D. Wells,
James Seacord.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. B. Olmstead, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, James Seacord, G. M. Hadduck.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? R. H. Shoup, E. D. Wells.

4. Who remain on trial? W. E. McWilliams.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Melvin Wright, C. W. Van Treese.
6. Who are the deacons? Slade Freer, *Melvin Wright, J. W. Hough (local deacon).
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr.
10. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? G. W. Woogerd, from Platte River conference.
11. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year. None.
12. Who have been given certificates of transfer? None.
13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
14. Who have died this year? A. J. Donaldson.
- 15-19. See statistical report.
20. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$205.
22. See statistics.
23. See appointments.
24. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Guthrie, Oklahoma, as near the third Wednesday in October, 1903, as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Raised, \$75.

Paid S. K. J. Chesbro, \$32.50. Cash on hand, \$42.50. Total, \$75.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Raised, \$37.50.

Paid S. K. J. Chesbro, \$12.95. Cash on hand, \$24.55. Total, \$37.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Raised, \$25.

Paid S. K. J. Chesbro, \$13.24. Cash on hand, \$11.76. Total, \$25.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.—Paid S. K. J. Chesbro, \$16.02. Cash on hand, \$28.98. Total, \$45.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Raised, \$35.86.

Paid S. K. J. Chesbro, \$18.65. Cash on hand, \$17.21. Total, \$35.86.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Raised, \$28.57.

HOME MISSIONS.—By cash, \$22.65.

Appropriated as follows: J. L. Brown, \$11.32; E. D. Wells, \$11.33. Total, \$22.65.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FOR THE COMING YEAR.—C. E. Harroun, Sr., \$150; Kate Donaldson, \$20; Tillie Champion, \$10; John Champion (child), \$25. Total, \$205.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—Raised, \$3.50.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Raised, \$6.02.

FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES.—Raised, \$13.

APPOINTMENTS

GUTHRIE DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, Jr., District Elder, Edmond, Oklahoma.
 Guthrie and Campbell J. L. Brown, Guthrie, Oklahoma
 Waterloo and Fairview A. Maker, Waterloo. "
 Fallas, Oak Grove, Eagle Creek and Rossville R. H. Shoup, Fallas, "
 Oklahoma City and Norman F. H. Smith, Cashion, "
 Mounds, Tulsa and Pryor Creek C. W. Van Treese, Mounds, Indian Territory

*Ordained this year.

PONCA DISTRICT.—C. E. HARROUN, Jr., District Elder.

Tonkawa, Maple Grove, Stony Point and White Rock.....
C. Mattenley, Tonkawa, Oklahoma; G. M. Haddock, supply, Tonkawa, Oklahoma
 Shafter and Blackburn.....W. E. Mc Williams, Yale, "
 Perry, Lone Elm and Star.....J. M. Culp, supply
 Flynn and Mehan.....G. W. Woogerd, Flynn, Oklahoma

ENID DISTRICT.—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder.

Enid, Coldwater and Canyon Ridge.....Melvin Wright, Enid, Oklahoma
 Waukomis and Hennessy.....J. W. Hough, supply
 Deer Creek and Satchel Valley.....E. D. Wells, Lemont, Oklahoma
 Gilbert and Jefferson.....J. H. Wright, supply, Yale, "
 C. E. Harroun, Sr., superannuated, Hillsdale, Oklahoma.

KINGFISHER DISTRICT.—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder, Cashion, Oklahoma.

Cashion and Bethel.....Slade Freer, Cashion, Oklahoma

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ENID DISTRICT											
Deer Creek and Satchel Valley.....	\$ 1 87	\$ 20 00			\$ 339 11	40 00	14 75			1	\$ 214
Coldwater and Canyon Ridge.....		7 00			168 00	59 47	33 00	1	\$ 1000		
Prairie Queen.....			\$ 35		178 42	34 47	30 43			1	187
Enid, Garber and Waukomas.....		16 27			403 30	36 52		1	850	1	750
KINGFISHER DISTRICT											
Cashion and Bethel.....	\$ 2 37	1 00	59 00		333 80	74 28	51 00	2	2200		
GUTHRIE DISTRICT											
Guthrie and Campbell.....			13 35		228 38	30 21					
Fallas, Eagle Creek, Oak Grove.....					28 21	15 23					
Rossville and Dewey S. H.....					43 50	20 20					
Waterloo and Stockade.....					24 80	22 35	2 80				
Norman and Oklahoma City.....			8 33		144 16	23 32	16 50				
PONCA DISTRICT											
Shafter, Perkins and Stillwater.....			13 25	30	242 86	42 26					
Perry, White Rock and Lone Elm.....	1 50	63	44 68		215 00	28 80	26 40				
Ponca, Tonkawa and Stony Point.....		1 17	40 00		318 26	43 96				1	500
Total.....	\$3 87	\$4 67	\$221 88	\$ 65	\$266 80	\$471 07	\$174 88	4	\$4050	4	\$1652

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

ENID, KINGFISHER, GUTHRIE AND PONCA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ENID DISTRICT																		
T. H. Allen, District Elder																		
Deer Creek and Satchel Valley	Slade Freer	6	41	1	2	11	35	11	6 00	\$ 3 60	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 12 55	\$ 23 00				
Coldwater and Canyon Ridge	I. H. Allen	22	24	2	1	9	25	8	6 00	3 05	3 00	1 70	2 55	10 09				
Prairie Queen	Richard Shoup	35	14	43	2	10	64	9	3 80	3 90	1 50	1 00	3 70					
Enid, Garber and Waukomas	C. Mattenley	26	20	2	2	10	54	9	6 60	3 90	3 30	2 20						
KINGFISHER DISTRICT																		
T. H. Allen, District Elder																		
Cashion and Bethel	T. H. Allen	63	3	66	1	2	20	120	20	12 25	6 30	3 50	5 25	81 35				
GUTHRIE DISTRICT																		
C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder																		
Guthrie and Campbell	J. L. Brown	22	6	28	1	1	5	30	7	2 10	1 25	70	1 05					
Fallas, Eagle Creek and Oak Grove	G. W. Blakeley, supply	8	8	2	1	1	1	4	3 00	1 20	1 00	1 50	1 80					
Rossville and Dewey school-house	T. D. North, supply	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1 00	1 05	60	80	90					
Waterloo and Stockade	A. Maker	12	12	12	1	1	1	1	3 60	2 15	1 20	1 80	1 00					
Norman and Oklahoma City	E. D. Wells, supply	23	1	24	2	1	4	15	6	3 00	1 80	1 00	1 50					
PONCA DISTRICT																		
C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder																		
Shafter, Perkins and Stillwater	W. E. McWilliams	39	8	47	2	1	7	48	12	12 55	6 84	3 80	3 32					
Perry, White Rock and Lone Elm	C. W. Van Treese	27	12	39	1	3	15	50	11	12 31	6 65	3 70	5 55					
Ponca, Tonkawa and Stony Point	Melvin Wright	3	29	1	1	1	40	7	7 92	4 32	2 40	2 40	3 60					
Total		344	55	399	16	6	14	82	417	111	\$30 33	\$43 98	\$24 90	\$35 27	\$21 00	\$37 20	\$28 52	\$152 39

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual Session, held at Terrell, Texas, October
29-November 1, 1902

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President.

R. A. THOMPSON, Secretary.

W. C. ROSE, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster.

On Publications—R. A. Thompson, George McCulloch, R. E. Elkins.

On Reforms—M. L. Lancaster, J. S. Hill, H. A. Hanson.

On Publishing the Minutes—R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose.

On Sunday-schools—Clara Ferris, S. H. Owens, Pearl Lott.

On Temperance—J. G. Adams, W. M. Adams, J. S. Hill.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. F. Hendricks, R. A. Thompson.

On the State of the Work—R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster.

To Receive the Conference Collections—J. F. Hendricks, George McCulloch.

To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—R. E. Elkins.

On Education—W. H. Winters, Clara Ferris, George McCulloch.

On Conference Missions—B. R. Jones, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, J. S. Hill, R. E. Elkins.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

George McCulloch, L. A. Miller, W. M. Adams, for one year; R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, for two years; W. H. Lathrop, S. H. Owens, for three years.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

B. R. Jones, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, J. S. Hill, R. E. Elkins.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, J. S. Hill, R. E. Elkins.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, W. C. Rose, George McCulloch, W. H. Winters.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, 15 cents and public collection for Foreign Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents', — cents; third quarter, Church Extension, — cents, Home Missions, 15 cents; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants', — cents.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

G. McCulloch,
W. C. Rose,
L. A. Miller,
W. H. Winters,

R. A. Thompson,
W. M. Adams,
B. Helm,
John L. Wyche.

M. L. Lancaster,
J. C. Pierce,
S. H. Owens,

W. H. Lathrop,
M. M. Lowry,
J. F. Hendricks,

DELEGATES

Pearl Lott,
L. D. Myers,
R. Smith,
C. B. Anderson,

T. W. Silas,
J. S. Hill,
E. C. Morris,
F. M. Jackson,

Sadie Huffman,
T. J. Evans,
S. B. Ellison,
J. H. Castlebery

L. M. Brewer,
Clara Ferris,
R. E. Elkins,
J. T. Muirhead.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, R. E. Elkins, J. S. Hill.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? L. P. Morris, R. G. Swanson.
4. Who remain on trial? T. J. Jacks, J. G. Adams.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. B. McBride, R. E. Fletcher.
6. Who are the deacons? B. Helm, S. H. Owens, M. M. Lowry, *C. B. Anderson.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? H. A. Hanson, W. A. Nash.
- 9, 10, 11, 12. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. C. Pierce.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.
- 16-21. See statistical report.
22. What is necessary for us to raise toward defraying the expenses of the delegates to general conference? \$76.20—raised in full.
23. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? See statistical and treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Dallas, Texas, as soon after the third Wednesday of October, 1903, as is convenient for the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-third session of the Texas conference was held in Terrell, Texas. Five sittings were held. A most gratifying spirit of brotherly kindness and unity prevailed throughout. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided with faultless ability and universal and perfect satisfaction. He also preached with unusual power and unction. W. B. Olmstead, the Sunday-school secretary, was present, representing both the publishing interests of the church and the Sunday-school work. He preached and otherwise contributed to the success and profit of the conference.

The W. F. M. S. held an interesting meeting Sunday afternoon, presided over by the conference president, Mrs. H. E. Thompson. Addresses were made by Miss Mary Edinger, W. B. Olmstead and Superintendent B. R. Jones. A collection was taken amounting to \$18. A collection of 15 cents per member was ordered taken for Home Missions.

APPOINTMENTS

DALLAS DISTRICT.—W. C. ROSE, District Elder, Ennis, Texas.

Dallas.....	R. A. Thompson, McKinnon street, Dallas, Texas
Ennis and Muirhead.....	W. H. Lathrop, Ennis, "
Corsicana and Birds Chapel.....	L. D. Wright, supply, Byron, "
Ft. Worth and Paradise.....	W. M. Adams, R. R. No. 3, Arlington, "
Collinsville.....	J. R. Crouch, Collinsville, "
Oak and Midlothian.....	S. H. Owens, Oak, "
Abilene circuit.....	J. T. Hendricks, Hodges, "

J. G. Adams, evangelist, Ft. Worth, Texas; J. C. Pierce, given certificate of standing, with view to transfer to Louisiana conference, Grayson, Louisiana.

*Local.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.—W. C. ROSE, District Elder.

San Antonio and San Marcos..... W. H. Winters, 103 Shearer street, San Antonio, Texas
 Rockdale..... C. C. Schulz, supply, Rockdale, “

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.—M. L. LANCASTER, District Elder, Penial, Texas.

Greenville and Humboldt..... George McCulloch, Penial, Texas
 Lawrence circuit..... R. G. Swanson, Lawrence, “
 Terrell..... L. A. Miller, Terrell, “
 Rockwall, Bear Creek and St. Paul..... J. B. McBride, Rockwall, “
 Quinland and Alba..... B. Helm, Quinland, “
 Maybank and Roddy..... L. P. Morris, Roddy, “

NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT.—M. L. LANCASTER, District Elder.

Nacogdoches circuit..... R. E. Fletcher, Nacogdoches, Texas
 Zavalla circuit..... J. L. Wyche, Zavalla, “
 Homer and Peach Tree..... W. L. Delamar, supply, Smith's Ferry, “
 Big Sandy and Lindale..... M. M. Lowry, Big Sandy, “

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed, \$152.40.

By cash and receipts, \$147.03; by public collection, \$5.37. Total, \$152.40.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessment, \$0.72; deficit 1901, 65 cents.

By cash and receipts, \$87.98; by public collection, \$3.39. Total, \$91.37.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessment, \$75.60.

By cash and receipts, \$74.25; by public collection, \$1.35. Total, 75.60.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessment, \$50.40.

By cash and receipts, \$42.49; by public collection, \$7.91. Total, \$50.40.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.—Assessed, \$76.20.

By cash and receipts, \$71.05; by public collection, \$4.45. Deficit, 70 cents.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Raised, \$50.

Appropriated as follows: W. H. Winters, \$25; W. H. Lathrop, \$17.50; T. J. Jacks \$7.50. Total, \$50.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

There is no agency more potent for the dissemination of knowledge than the press, whose publications, whether good or evil, live on after oral instructions have been forgotten. In all worldly knowledge that alone committed to writing and printing lives. None but he who spake as never man spake, and whose only written sentences were in the sand, could trust his teachings to his hearers, the pledge of whose perpetuity consisted in his ability to transmit his very life and nature to their hearts.

The press of the present, with that of the past, has blest the world with multiplied tons of excellent matter meriting scrutiny and deep, persistent perusal—books and papers of real character building capacity, among which only a few may be mentioned.

First, the Bible, which is little studied and less remembered by the masses of modern people. We are of the candid opinion that no other book of earth's vast libraries could survive the same neglect, misuse and violence, and retain a respectable hold on the minds of the people. This wonderful book—“the rule of our faith and practice,” “the man of our counsel,” the light to our pathway, the lamp to our feet, the star of our hope, the source of our joys, the solace of our sorrows, the pledge of our immortality and the expression of our glorified Redeemer—is neglected, set aside and abandoned for cheap published emanations of the pit. We often fear the great flood-tide of religious books and periodicals themselves are becoming positive curses to the people, not because their teachings are vicious but because they are not divine but human productions and engross our minds to the neglect of the law and gospel of God. We see this bearing its necessary fruit in minds crammed and crowded with history, classics, and poetry, which but dimly express the words of truth. Brethren, let us stick to the sacred Book.

The dying Walter Scott said, “Bring me the book.” His attendant asked “What book?” Said the dying poet, “There is but one book, bring me *the Book*.”

Oh that we might become mighty in the scriptures! Jesus said, “Search the scriptures,” Paul said, “Preach the word.” John Wesley said, “Let me be a man of one book.”

But while other books must and will be bought and read, let us meet the demand with the circulation of the best books obtainable. We can recommend nothing better than the standard publications of our church, even to our laymen. Why should not all become

familiar with the doctrines and history of Christianity. Even the women and children of early Christian times were more than ordinary theologians, and able to combat the errors extant. Few books can minister more grace to the reader than "Roberts' Fishers of Men," "Wood's Perfect Love," "Peck's Central Idea of Christianity," or "Blackburn's Church History," or "Stevens' History of Methodism." Reading "Stevens' History of Methodism" set two Texas preachers' souls on fire until they took the streets, preached their way into a Catholic prison, and out again, preached a prohibitory law of the statute book of the largest city in the State, and by the grace of God continue preaching.

Again we note with mortification that so few copies of the *Free Methodist* are taken. We indulge the boast that this paper has not an equal for purity and doctrinal consistency in all the journalism of America. No wild-fire slush comes through its columns. We note with pathetic sadness some of our people laying this our church paper aside because, perchance, some article of, to them, objectionable character, and to us injudicious utterances, the emanations of misconceived sectional questions, sadly prejudicial to our welfare, and then take papers containing almost all kinds of stuff palmed off in the name of holiness, and offer the excuse, "There are some mighty good things in this paper." My brethren, the *Free Methodist* is a high-toned, clean, pure, live specimen of religious journalism—the painstaking product of an able, eminent, Christian gentleman, correct in doctrine and clean, high and noble in his life. Let us stand by it, read it, push it. And wherever we can have but one paper, by all means have the *Free Methodist*. The members of our church who read the *Free Methodist* are always our best people, other things being equal. The *Pentecostal Herald*, the *Holiness Advocate* and the *Revivalist* are very good papers, but they are not Free Methodist papers, and they never make Free Methodist members nor make those we have better Free Methodists. It is easy to get subscribers, and with care to keep them after they are gotten. While visiting, ask the family to take the paper, show them why they should, and a rich harvest will reward your toil.

Our Sunday-school literature is also without a superior. Others may supply you cheaper, but what you gain in cost is more than lost in quality.

We suggest that all our pastors make a specialty of pushing our publications for the coming year.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
DALLAS DISTRICT											
Dallas.....			\$ 40 00		\$ 401 13	\$ 82 33	\$ 35 90	1	\$ 1200	1	\$ 700
Ennis.....			5 00	\$ 70	300 00	41 80	34 20	1	1200	1	800
Oak circuit.....			10 00		451 00	83 27	25 00	3	2000	1	300
Paradise circuit.....			9 70	1 70	161 10	21 05	22 00	1	400	1	250
Collinsville and Ft. Worth.....			2 50		109 84	24 50	60 01				
Muirhead circuit.....					100 00	26 06	22 00	1	500		
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT											
San Antonio and San Marcos.....			27 00		60 00	9 50		1	1000	1	1000
Rockdale.....						23 00					
ROCKWALL DISTRICT											
Rockwall circuit.....			15 00		300 00	47 55	59 00	1	1000	1	500
Lawrence circuit.....			26 25		104 75	50 55	13 40	1	500	1	300
Terrell.....			15 65		250 00	24 70	44 65	1	700	1	750
Greenville circuit.....	\$1 00				320 97	74 00	24 20			1	300
Canton circuit.....			5 50		44 37	22 00		1	300		
Big Sandy and Starville.....					148 00	19 35	68 70	1	500	1	250
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT											
Nacogdoches circuit.....			5 60	65	214 65	52 10	96 45	1	700	1	300
McClellan and Sharpville.....						37 70	3 75				
Zavalla circuit.....			10 00		135 35	40 70	18 25	1	800		
Homer and Peach Tree.....					50 00	16 10	8 50				
Total.....	\$1 00		\$172 20	\$3 05	\$3133 46	\$826 26	\$536 00	15	\$10600	11	\$5450

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO, ROCKWALL AND NACOGDOCHES DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
DALLAS DISTRICT																		
	R. A. Thompson, Dist. Elder																	
Dallas	S. H. Owens	45	1	46	4	1	1	9	56	6	\$ 15 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 7 50	\$ 3 90	\$ 5 00	\$ 7 50	\$ 15 00	\$ 9 00
Ennis	W. C. Rose	25		25	1	1				7	7 80	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	3 90	50 00	
Oak circuit	L. A. Miller	68	5	73	6	1	2	10	60	4	18 90	10 00	9 45	9 45	6 30	9 45		
Paradise circuit	B. M. Adams	62	3	65	1	1	1	5	50	2	15 90	8 54	7 95	7 95	5 30	7 95		14 00
Collinsville and Ft. Worth	H. Helm	27		27					25	3	8 40	5 04	4 20	4 20	4 20	4 20	1 70	
Muirhead circuit	H. A. Hanson	5	3	8			1	3	30	2	1 50	90	75	75	50	75		
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT																		
	R. A. Thompson, Dist. Elder																	
San Antonio and San Marcos	W. A. Nash	16		16	1	2	4	55	2	2	3 50	2 70	1 60	2 70	1 60	2 40		
Rockdale	C. C. Schulz, supply	3		3	1				1		90	65	45	45	30	50		
ROCKWALL DISTRICT																		
	M. L. Lancaster, Dist. Elder																	
Rockwall circuit	J. B. McBride	60	8	68	2	2	2	10	60	11	15 30	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	7 65	8 00	
Lawrence circuit	S. B. Gosey, supply	39	2	41	2	2	2	11	58	2	12 60	7 55	6 30	6 30	4 30	6 30		
Terrell	W. H. Athrop	32	3	35	3	1	1	6	40	6	18 70	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 30	4 35		
Greenville circuit	W. H. Winters, supply	42	15	57	2	8			7		4 80	5 76	4 80	4 80	2 90	4 80		
Canton circuit	T. J. Jacks	18		18	2	1		6	46	2	7 40	2 68	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 40		
Big Sandy and Starville	M. M. Lowry	14	1	15	1					4	5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	2 70		
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT																		
	M. L. Lancaster, Dist. Elder																	
Nacogdoches circuit	R. E. Fletcher	34	2	36	1	1	1	3	30	5	4 95	2 55	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 10		
McClellan and Sharpville	M. L. Lancaster	13		13							3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	1 80		
Zavalla circuit	W. L. Deamar	32	10	42	2	2	2	10	40	3	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	2 40		
Homer and Peach Tree	A. A. Dubose, supply	26		26	1	2				2	4 20	2 52	2 10	2 10	2 10	2 10		
Total		551	53	604	30	19	18	82	548	73	\$145 85	\$85 46	\$72 60	\$73 70	\$50 20	\$73 65	\$74 00	\$23 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Black River, Louisiana,
November 6-9, 1902

OFFICERS

W. B. OLMSTEAD, Acting President.

H. B. NUGENT, Secretary.

EDMOND T. TINDELL, Assistant Secretary.

DAVID DAY, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—David Day, F. Scott.

On Publishing the Minutes—David Day and the secretaries.

On Reforms—N. J. Roark, W. B. Newman.

On Sabbath-schools—F. Scott, H. B. Nugent.

To Receive Conference Collections—David Day.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. H. Roark.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—David Day.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

David Day, president; W. Whittington, secretary; R. F. Crawford, treasurer;
P. C. Kenton, W. B. Newman.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE EXAMINERS

David Day.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

N. J. Roark,
Frazier Scott,

A. J. McKeithen,
P. C. Kenton,

David Day,
J. E. Beasley.

J. C. Pierce,

DELEGATES

R. F. Crawford,
H. H. Roark.

W. B. Newman,

H. B. Nugent,

E. T. Tindell,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. B. Olmstead, David Day, H. B. Nugent.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. Whittington.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? P. C. Kenton.

6. Who are the deacons? Frazier Scott, P. C. Kenton, *E. T. Tindell.

7, 8, 10. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. C. Pierce, A. J. McKeithen.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? J. C. Pierce, from the Texas conference.

12, 13, 15. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, except J. E. Beasley, who was expelled from the conference and church.

16-23. See reports and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

*Local Deacon.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The time, about the last Wednesday in October, 1903. The place to be left with the district elder.

MISCELLANEOUS

General Superintendent B. R. Jones appointed Rev. W. B. Olmstead to preside over the conference which he did in an acceptable manner. His sermons and Sunday-school talks were highly appreciated by all. The people of Black River also showed their appreciation by the kind and cheerful way in which they entertained the conference. May God graciously reward them. We had a good conference.

The following delegates were elected to the general conference. Ministerial: David Day; reserve, J. C. Pierce. Lay, W. B. Newman; reserve, H. B. Nugent.

On Sunday P. C. Kenton and E. T. Tindell were ordained deacon and the new Free Methodist church was dedicated. Brother Olmstead baptized eighteen children and at the night service there was a general break down. Thirty persons were forward for prayers and five claimed to find the Lord. A man and his wife united with the church on probation.

APPOINTMENTS

WELCOME HOME DISTRICT—DAVID DAY, District Elder, Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Franklin circuit.....	P. C. Kenton, E. T. Tindell, supply, Winnsboro, Louisiana
Welcome Home and Summerville.....	N. J. Roark, Aimwell, “
Black River and Big Island.....	W. Whittington, Tooley's, “
Natchez.....	To be supplied
J. C. Pierce, supernumerary.	

WESSON DISTRICT—DAVID DAY, District Elder.

Hazlehurst, Wesson, Beasley Chapel and Newhope.....	Frazier Scott, Georgetown, Mississippi
Jackson.....	To be supplied
A. J. McKeithen, supernumerary.	

CASCILLA DISTRICT—DAVID DAY, District Elder.

Stonesfield circuit.....	W. B. Newman, supply, Rosebloom, Mississippi
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed, \$39.36.

Paid, \$31.22; deficit, \$8.14. Total, \$39.36.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed, \$22.14.

Paid, \$17.78; deficit, \$4.36. Total, \$22.14.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed, \$18.45.

Paid, \$14.40; deficit, \$4.05. Total, \$18.45.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed, \$12.30.

Paid, \$9.60; deficit, \$2.70. Total, \$12.30.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES.—Assessed, \$18.45.

Paid, \$14.40; deficit, \$4.05. Total, \$18.45.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Amount raised, \$14.40.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WELCOME HOME, WESSON AND CASCILLA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendent's Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missions
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT																		
	David Day, District Elder																	
Franklin circuit	P. C. Kenton	28	18	46	1	2	6	35	2	\$ 7 36	\$ 4 14	\$ 3 45	\$ 3 45	\$ 2 30	\$ 3 45	\$ 3 45		
Welcome Home and Summerville	N. J. Roark	20	12	32	2	...	...	...	3	5 76	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	2 70	2 70		
Black River and Big Island	F. Scott	23	..	23	..	...	...	...	2	5 76	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	2 70	2 70		
WESSON DISTRICT																		
	David Day, District Elder																	
Hazlehurst, Wesson, Beasley Chapel	W. Whittington	25	..	25	1	...	...	...	3	7 36	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 45	3 45		
New Hope	A. J. McKeithen	10	..	10	..	...	...	...	...	1 88	72	60	60	40	60	60		
Jackson	David Day	6	2	8	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Natchez	David Day	1	..	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CASCILLA DISTRICT																		
	David Day, District Elder																	
Stonefield circuit	David Day	10	5	15	1	1	4	20	...	3 20	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 50	1 50		
Total	123	37	160	5	3	10	55	10	\$30 82	\$17 28	\$14 40	\$14 40	\$0 60	\$14 40	\$14 40		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No of Churches	Value of Church Property	No of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT											
Franklin circuit			\$ 6 00		\$ 90 88	\$ 26 45	\$ 30 00			1	\$ 25
Welcome Home and Summerville.					56 15	52 90		3	\$ 300		
Black River and Big Island.....					57 35	25 75		2	450		
WESSON DISTRICT											
Hazlehurst, Wesson, Beasley Ch'p'l						42 15	17 15	4	1350		
Newhope						10 00		1	250		
Jackson						22 75					
Natchez											
CASCILLA DISTRICT											
Stonefield circuit.....			6 00			37 50					
Total.....			\$12 00		\$204 88	\$217 50	\$47 15	10	\$2350	1	\$25

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES

CONFERENCES														
Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen'l Conference
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	223	41	264	15	4	11	54	411	45	\$44 54	\$33 29	\$82 26	\$25 63	\$23 90
California.....	256	37	293	11	24	51	78	461	65	\$86 70	\$51 66	\$82 26	\$43 05	\$28 70
Central Illinois.....	1461	138	1599	30	10	356	2128	205	401	\$401 43	\$240 75	\$176 79	\$190 26	\$103 37
Colorado.....	340	40	380	13	24	15	84	564	66	\$82 78	\$54 54	\$72 40	\$45 46	\$45 45
Columbia River.....	183	17	210	6	4	13	69	321	63	\$31 86	\$31 86	\$44 25	\$26 55	\$5 87
East Michigan.....	1679	209	1888	28	12	73	539	291	275	\$483 73	\$282 31	\$282 31	\$287 38	\$178 71
East Ontario.....	592	109	701	16	6	26	132	744	98	\$185 03	\$251 37	\$141 65	\$80 60	\$240 70
Genesee.....	1469	161	1630	20	9	55	434	2132	352	\$435 06	\$251 37	\$141 65	\$80 60	\$54 80
Illinois.....	1015	131	1146	24	20	40	182	1762	186	\$297 50	\$174 20	\$191 43	\$149 40	\$215 62
Iowa.....	780	62	842	24	15	30	216	1169	194	\$234 90	\$140 94	\$72 65	\$117 45	\$147 70
Kansas.....	823	76	899	37	18	34	212	1022	196	\$218 88	\$136 48	\$74 85	\$106 99	\$117 45
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	189	9	198	6	5	3	10	190	11	\$11 53	\$33 51	\$14 40	\$14 40	\$99 93
Louisiana.....	123	37	160	18	7	31	105	55	10	\$30 82	\$17 28	\$14 40	\$14 40	\$136 22
Michigan.....	917	85	1002	18	7	31	229	1131	168	\$275 56	\$164 70	\$124 05	\$124 05	\$140 40
Minnesota and North Iowa.....	306	35	341	9	4	16	86	463	99	\$100 65	\$33 93	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$46 50
Missouri.....	242	41	283	14	6	12	71	360	70	\$77 27	\$33 93	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$32 09
Nebraska.....	402	39	441	12	15	19	103	490	108	\$97 37	\$55 96	\$45 54	\$45 54	\$33 81
New York.....	1090	108	1198	38	9	35	205	1275	164	\$315 30	\$183 18	\$256 70	\$157 65	\$157 65
North Dakota.....	139	12	151	2	6	38	211	40	38	\$20 23	\$23 27	\$11 10	\$11 10	\$37 76
North Indiana.....	361	51	412	14	7	15	125	600	55	\$77 43	\$48 87	\$35 68	\$35 68	\$216 85
North Michigan.....	1678	245	1923	37	18	74	477	2180	261	\$456 39	\$278 06	\$207 37	\$207 37	\$37 67
North Minnesota.....	846	44	890	6	1	13	77	430	86	\$78 88	\$46 27	\$58 30	\$58 30	\$137 67
Ohio.....	1620	247	1867	36	27	82	403	2598	312	\$372 48	\$283 80	\$232 06	\$232 06	\$117 20
Oklahoma.....	384	55	439	16	6	14	82	417	111	\$80 33	\$43 98	\$24 90	\$24 90	\$37 20
Oregon.....	368	52	420	31	5	13	69	279	88	\$105 00	\$63 00	\$32 50	\$32 50	\$22 21
Pittsburg.....	1178	243	1421	43	32	50	325	1860	251	\$290 56	\$137 89	\$164 88	\$161 04	\$157 29
Platte River.....	419	41	460	12	14	23	112	471	101	\$101 80	\$60 32	\$62 90	\$62 90	\$53 33
Southern California.....	367	44	411	18	14	13	75	417	108	\$101 80	\$61 24	\$84 55	\$46 70	\$33 85
South Dakota.....	450	61	511	13	8	22	106	559	118	\$140 75	\$85 86	\$63 90	\$66 21	\$19 75
Susquehanna.....	1365	144	1509	28	14	46	317	1797	200	\$301 23	\$280 79	\$207 07	\$162 29	\$68 51
Texas.....	551	53	604	30	19	18	82	548	73	\$145 85	\$85 40	\$73 60	\$73 60	\$73 65
Washington.....	746	86	832	13	4	40	221	1017	138	\$234 40	\$140 40	\$83 60	\$116 15	\$78 00
West Iowa.....	459	65	524	20	13	17	118	808	124	\$115 40	\$70 07	\$84 00	\$62 76	\$14 67
West Kansas.....	608	111	719	13	8	34	210	809	174	\$183 92	\$99 36	\$66 03	\$89 02	\$62 00
West Ontario.....	710	204	914	19	17	29	150	797	200	\$175 25	\$112 66	\$89 08	\$80 05	\$88 17
Wisconsin.....	581	187	768	17	17	23	151	820	115	\$105 00	\$99 65	\$131 65	\$80 45	\$14 35
Wisconsin.....	817	116	933	30	18	38	211	1049	175	\$235 93	\$127 81	\$183 85	\$112 75	\$100 50
Total.....	25991	3516	29507	752	433	1108	6711	36382	5301	\$7153 18	\$4317 99	\$3785 23	\$3572 08	\$3239 71

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	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	7 40						604 20	326 86	27 50	6	2650 00	1	400 00
California.....	20 65	320 42	9 60	11 77	52 88	1 57	3542 23	537 81	107 57	10	13100 00	1	7450 00
Central Illinois.....	69 73	124 55	6 00	11 77	273 12	1 57	9085 90	1335 13	107 57	10	51600 00	17	10380 00
Colorado.....	43 25	319 15	1 50	4 75	359 84	8 05	4137 70	932 54	161 07	58	12900 00	12	4575 00
Columbia River.....	47 85	116 33	1 10	3 75	147 02	1 05	2985 14	922 64	6 70	7	5100 00	6	2650 00
East Michigan.....	142 13	183 44	4 79	10 48	1004 26	1 55	15470 36	1193 34	212 99	75	65000 00	38	9820 00
East Ontario.....	563 29	204 27	5 31	8 37	246 53	1 40	4021 23	1019 19	140 87	32	20100 00	7	3250 00
Genesee.....	94 01	685 83	4 00	25 54	994 12	2 59	13709 87	1151 22	296 19	62	107450 00	30	39760 00
Illinois.....	133 27	641 69	5 10	31 38	1202 94	13 00	13844 31	2025 20	325 63	48	102700 00	29	40000 00
Iowa.....	94 54	176 88	2 35	23 66	578 63	1 32	7736 40	1043 51	166 73	37	38100 00	20	13540 00
Kansas.....	52 61	172 51	4 02	2 74	448 21	33 70	6924 99	1236 45	303 22	20	14400 00	24	10700 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....					18 00		304 26	90 71	166 73	9	3800 00		25 00
Louisiana.....	170 06	97 90	1 25	1 67	520 73	5 75	8170 20	217 50	47 15	10	2300 00	1	25 00
Michigan.....	70 33	20 00	18 00	3 20	135 89	1 75	3501 75	623 02	131 33	47	41300 00	16	15500 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	9 00	7 50	2 00	2 00	102 57	1 70	1763 65	369 05	38 00	15	14800 00	11	7550 00
Missouri.....	29 61	39 37	2 00	2 00	215 36		2937 21	865 67	301 65	14	9500 00	10	3615 00
Nebraska.....	175 77	119 33	7 06	15 15	691 70	1 32	9278 18	2301 98	101 65	14	14200 00	10	4875 00
New York.....	13 95	88 14			92 87	1 75	3142 21	559 21	45 40	4	4350 00	9	12125 00
North Dakota.....	15 22	4 00			253 63	1 63	3434 75	460 84	137 40	13	12750 00	5	2600 00
North Indiana.....	87 11	11 11	7 32	5 05	913 30	1 63	14216 49	1540 75	198 45	69	55125 00	37	4750 00
North Minnesota.....					159 34		2190 63	261 69	98 92	12	8700 00	7	3200 00
Ohio.....	94 05	625 00	11 60	10 22	737 01	1 60	7437 05	1203 10	109 87	46	42850 00	15	12350 00
Oil City.....	40 34	1091 83	20 40	9 64	1342 10	5 20	16965 96	2810 16	809 31	77	90400 00	21	20950 00
Oklahoma.....	28 82	162 39	3 87	4 67	221 88	6 55	2667 80	471 07	174 88	4	4050 00	4	1652 00
Oregon.....	5 35	271 75	1 00	1 00	145 71		1902 44	661 44	111 62	12	8550 00	7	2925 00
Pittsburg.....	101 70	1159 77	3 74	6 08	1387 04	19 35	15592 27	2626 59	541 31	43	65600 00	10	10900 00
Platte River.....	15 32	263 14	6 80	3 10	108 03	2 35	4680 80	747 55	302 72	11	6025 00	9	4260 00
Southern California.....	35 95	194 98	3 00	3 00	207 16	3 00	4312 61	857 05	324 72	14	15900 00	9	5400 00
South Dakota.....	100 02	40 00	15 05	24 18	328 31	3 06	14221 57	1614 64	325 27	46	10700 00	12	8623 00
Susquehanna.....	14 70	42 06	8 15	16 30	112 20		3153 46	826 26	538 00	15	82900 00	25	34600 00
Texas.....	55 14	25 00	8 15	16 30	374 07		6601 69	826 26	538 00	15	10800 00	11	6450 00
Washington.....	62 65	692 62	9 00	9 00	374 07		6601 69	826 26	538 00	15	10800 00	11	6450 00
West Iowa.....	4 00	124 72	7 10	7 10	333 82	50	6221 58	657 08	284 34	13	37800 00	13	12400 00
West Kansas.....	53 47	558 40	10 71	9 00	333 82		6221 58	657 08	284 34	13	37800 00	13	12400 00
West Ontario.....	20 20	445 62	7 10	7 10	333 82		6221 58	657 08	284 34	13	37800 00	13	12400 00
Wisconsin.....	133 09	316 22	7 63	3 71	406 32	1 74	7473 08	1506 76	427 92	42	52700 00	16	10560 00
Total.....	\$2787 93	\$9442 51	\$179 78	\$275 30	\$16904 07	\$198 24	\$244026 59	\$37723 79	\$3105 27	1067	\$1196975 00	522	\$372125 00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS—1902

General Superintendents

REV. E. P. HART, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California.

REV. G. W. COLEMAN, Gainesville, New York.

REV. B. R. JONES, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan.

REV. W. A. SELLEW, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York.

Executive Committee

REV. E. P. HART, President,

REV. G. W. COLEMAN,

REV. W. A. SELLEW,

REV. J. CRAIG,

REV. W. H. OLARK,

J. GRAHAM,

T. HEAVISIDES,

REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD, Secretary,

REV. B. R. JONES,

REV. F. H. ASHCRAFT,

REV. M. B. MILLER,

C. O. SCHANTZ,

A. YATES, M. D.,

T. RESSEGUIE.

General Missionary Board

REV. B. R. JONES, President,

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REV. B. WINGET, Secretary,

C. O. SCHANTZ, First District,

A. YATES, Third District,

J. GRAHAM, Fifth District,

REV. J. GARRETT, Seventh District,

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S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer,

REV. W. H. OLARK, Second District,

REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD, Fourth District,

T. HEAVISIDES, Sixth District,

MRS. ELLA McGEARY,

MRS. HELEN HART JONES.

Church Extension and Aid Society

REV. G. W. COLEMAN, President,

REV. B. WINGET, Secretary,

S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer.

The members are the same as the Missionary Board.

Board of Conference Claimants

REV. W. A. SELLEW, President.

Officers and members the same as the Missionary Board.

Board of Education

REV. W. T. HOGUE, President,

REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD,

Recording Secretary,

C. O. SCHANTZ, Treasurer,

REV. G. W. COLEMAN,

REV. JAMES CRAIG,

REV. F. H. ASHCRAFT,

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Corresponding Secretary,

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REV. B. R. JONES,

REV. W. H. OLARK,

T. HEAVISIDES,

A. YATES, M. D.,

Board of Directors of the Free Methodist Publishing House

G. W. COLEMAN,

BURTON R. JONES,

F. H. ASHCRAFT,

W. A. SELLEW,

T. HEAVISIDES,

W. B. OLMSTEAD,

A. YATES.

Trustees of the General Conference

E. P. HART, term expires 1903,

G. W. COLEMAN, term expires 1903,

B. R. JONES, term expires 1903,

S. K. J. CHESBRO, term expires 1907,

W. A. SELLEW, term expires 1907,

C. O. SCHANTZ, term expires 1907.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FIRST SITTING

Pursuant to a call published in the Free Methodist, the annual meeting of the executive committee of the Free Methodist Church of North America was held in the Free Methodist Publishing House, 14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, at 2 p. m., October 14, 1902.

The committee was called together by the senior general superintendent, E. P. Hart, who presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by the president.

The roll was called and the following persons answered to their names: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, J. Craig, M. B. Miller, W. H. Clark, C. O. Schantz, Thomas Heavisides, J. Graham, W. B. Olmstead.

The committee proceeded to the election of seven directors for the Free Methodist Publishing House. On the first ballot B. R. Jones, G. W. Coleman, W. A. Sellew, F. H. Ashcraft, A. Yates, Thomas Heavisides and W. B. Olmstead were elected, they having received nine, six, ten, seven, eight, six and nine votes respectively, out of the ten cast.

The matter of requests to dispose of church property was then taken up.

A request was made by the Santa Clara and San Jose societies of the California conference, that they be granted permission to sell their respective church and parsonage properties, and use the funds in building a new church and parsonage in a better location in San Jose.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was read from the board of trustees of the Hull church, Iowa conference, asking permission to sell their church property.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was read from the Oswego society, Susquehanna conference, asking permission to sell their church and parsonage property.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was read from the Bushnell's Basin society, Susquehanna conference, asking permission to sell their church property.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was read from the Auburn society of the Susquehanna conference, asking permission to sell their church property so they can locate in another part of the city.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was received from Rev. A. S. Niswonger, asking permission to sell the church and parsonage property at Toledo, Illinois, in the Wabash conference, and use proceeds for the erection of a parsonage on the Neoga circuit.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was received from Rev. J. A. Watson asking permission to sell church property at Camargo, Illinois, in the Wabash conference.

On motion the request was granted.

A request was read from Mt. Zion and Providence societies, Jacinto district, Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference, asking permission to sell their respective churches.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was read from Rev. F. A. Davis, of Hill City, Kansas, asking permission to sell one church at Woodston, Kansas.

On motion the request was granted, on condition the money derived from the sale of such property be held subject to the action of the West Kansas conference at its next session.

A communication was read from Rev. C. H. Malin, of Osborne, Kansas, West Kansas conference, asking permission to sell and purchase certain church property in the city of Osborne for other church property.

On motion the request was granted.

A request was read from Pueblo society of the Coloardo conference asking permission to sell a certain portion of their church property.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was read, signed by District Elder W. H. Olark, of the Susquehanna conference, asking permission to sell church property at West Vienna, New York.

On motion the request was granted.

A statement was read from T. Resseguie asking that he be excused from attendance at this meeting of the committee on account of sickness.

On motion his request was granted and the secretary was instructed to write him a letter of sympathy.

At this juncture of the proceedings, Rev. F. H. Ashcraft, a member of the committee, came into the meeting.

A request was read from the society at Fairchance, Pennsylvania, asking permission to mortgage their parsonage property for \$800.

On motion the request was granted.

A communication was read by the secretary from certain brethren in the California conference, regarding the publishing of a conference paper.

On motion of B. R. Jones, it was decided that it was a matter over which the committee has no jurisdiction, inasmuch as we regard it as a private enterprise.

The Sunday-school secretary requested that a committee be appointed by the chair to consider the Sunday-school interests.

On motion the request was granted.

The chair appointed B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, and C. O. Schantz as such committee.

On motion the publishing agent was requested to make his report.

The publishing agent gave his report.

On motion the report was received.

On motion of W. B. Olmstead, 11 a. m. Wednesday, was set apart as the hour to consider the matter of locating the coming general conference.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet at 7 p. m., October 14.

SECOND SITTING

Pursuant to adjournment, the executive committee met at 7 p. m., October 14, 1902, in the Free Methodist Publishing House, with General Superintendent E. P. Hart in the chair. Prayer was offered by W. A. Sellew.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read, corrected, and on motion approved.

The matter of electing an editor for the *General Conference Daily* was then taken up.

On the second ballot, W. B. Olmstead was elected, receiving eight out of twelve votes cast.

A verbal report was given by W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary, regarding his work. During the past year he has done the editorial work on the Sunday-school papers and quarterlies; has traveled 17,000 miles in the interest of the church and our Sunday-schools; and in all of his work he has had the abundant blessing of God. He has seen souls saved and sanctified at many of the services held in the interest of the Sunday-school.

On motion the report was accepted.

The assistant publishing agent then made his report.

On motion the report was received.

W. B. Olmstead, the Sunday-school secretary, made a request that Wednesday and Thursday of the second week of the general conference, be set apart for services in the interest of the Sunday-school work, and young people, respectively, such privilege to be subject to the approval of the general conference.

On motion the request was granted, and the Sunday-school secretary was authorized to make preparation for the services.

On motion it was ordered that when the committee adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 9 a. m., October 15, 1902.

On motion the committee adjourned.

THIRD SITTING

Pursuant to adjournment, the executive committee met at 9 a. m., October 15, 1902, in the Free Methodist Publishing House, with General Superintendent E. P. Hart in the chair. Prayer was offered by W. H. Clark.

The roll was called and twelve members answered to their names.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read, corrected, and on motion approved.

A request was made by W. B. Olmstead in behalf of the missionary secretary that the Friday of the second week of the general conference be devoted to the interests of the missionary work, in our church, such privilege to be subject to the approval of the general conference.

On motion the request was granted and B. Winget was appointed to take charge of such services.

B. R. Jones presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, We are satisfied that the adoption of the Home Department work will largely add to the interests of our Sunday-schools, and serve to enlist the cooperation of many who would otherwise remain indifferent, therefore,

Resolved, That we urge all our pastors and Sunday-school superintendents to cooperate with the Sunday-school secretary in introducing the Home Department work in all our Sunday-schools."

On motion the resolution was adopted.

A communication was read by the secretary from Dr. A. Yates, asking to be excused from attendance at this meeting of the executive committee, he being unavoidably detained at his home.

On motion his request was granted.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet at 11 a. m., October 15, 1902.

FOURTH SITTING

Pursuant to adjournment, the executive committee met at 11 a. m., October 15, 1902, in the Free Methodist Publishing House, with Superintendent E. P. Hart in the chair.

The roll was called and twelve members answered to their names.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and on motion approved.

The matter of selecting a place for holding the next general conference was taken up, the hour for such consideration having arrived.

The committee appointed to receive applications for entertaining the next general conference reported through its chairman, W. A. Sellw, that only two formal applications had been received, namely, from Greenville, Illinois, and Wichita, Kansas. These applications were then read.

A resolution was read from the Michigan conference asking that the general conference be held in connection with a camp-meeting. A letter was also read from A. V. Leonardson with regard to Beulah Park, Cleveland.

On motion it was ordered that the place for holding the next general conference be decided by ballot.

Rev. J. D. Kelsey presented verbally an invitation from the Chicago societies asking that the general conference be held in this city.

Rev. W. T. Hogue presented the interests of Greenville, Illinois.

On motion an informal ballot was taken for locating the general conference. Greenville, Illinois, received seven votes out of twelve cast.

On motion the committee proceeded to ballot for a location for the general conference.

On the first ballot, Greenville, Illinois, having received eight out of twelve votes cast, was declared to be the place chosen.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

FIFTH SITTING

Pursuant to adjournment, the executive committee met at the call of the chair at 7

p. m., October 15, 1902, in the Free Methodist Publishing House, with General Superintendent E. P. Hart in the chair.

Prayer was offered by J. Graham.

On motion the calling of the roll was omitted.

Minutes of the previous sitting were read, and on motion approved.

The auditor gave his report.

On motion the report was received.

The second recommendation of the auditor's report was read as follows:

"I would suggest that the executive committee prepare a detailed and comparative statement of the Publishing House interests covering the period from October 1, 1898, to April 1, 1903, to be submitted to the next general conference."

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

Pending the discussion of proposition *two*, on motion the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

SIXTH SITTING

Pursuant to adjournment, the executive committee met in its usual place October 16 1902, at 2 p. m., with General Superintendent E. P. Hart in the chair. Prayer was offered by W. B. Olmstead.

The roll was called and twelve members answered to their names.

Minutes of the previous sitting were read, corrected and approved.

On motion C. O. Schantz was elected a committee to secure a detailed and comparative statement of the Publishing House business covering the period from October 1, 1898 to April 1, 1903, and present same at the next session of the general conference.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered E. P. Hart for writing "Reminiscences of Early Free Methodism."

On motion the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

SEVENTH SITTING

Pursuant to adjournment, the executive committee met in the Free Methodist Publishing House, 14-16 North May St., Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1902, at 8:30 p. m., with General Superintendent E. P. Hart in the chair.

On motion the calling of the roll was omitted.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and approved.

On motion the publishers were requested to change the name of the paper entitled "The Light and Life Infant Class" to "The Light and Life Child's Paper," if in their judgment they deem it best.

On motion the president and secretary were authorized to execute the release or quit-claim deed of the James Billings' property in Aurora, Illinois, to the B. T. Roberts' estate.

On motion it was ordered that when the committee finally adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, June 10, 1903.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

W. B. OLMSTEAD, Secretary.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.—TREASURER'S REPORT

	October, 1901 to October, 1902	
To balance on hand October 1, 1901.....	\$ 331 71	
To receipts October 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902	4779 32	
Total.....	\$5111 03	

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to E. P. Hart.....	\$ 1100 00
Paid to G. W. Coleman	1100 00
Paid to B. R. Jones.....	1100 00
Paid to W. A. Sellew	1100 00
Salary for one year, November 1, 1902.....	\$ 4400 00
Paid to B. R. Jones on 1903.....	289 76
Paid proportion of expenses.....	82 50

Balance..... \$ 338 77

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES

Treasurer's Report, 1901-1902

CONFERENCE	Appor- tionment	Deficit, 1901	Surplus, 1901	Paid, 1902	Surplus, 1902	Deficit, 1902
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 50 48	\$ 6 68		\$ 38 54		\$ 11 94
California.....	51 66			51 66		
Central Illinois.....	265 32			270 35	\$ 5 03	
Colorado.....	54 54			54 54		
Columbia River.....	31 86			31 86		
East Michigan.....	300 96		\$ 3 12	300 96		
East Ontario.....	110 52			110 52		
Genesee.....	268 56	2 00		268 56		
Illinois.....	180 90	1 09		176 40		4 50
Iowa.....	140 94			140 94		
Kansas.....	141 48			137 57		3 91
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	33 84	20 39		33 87	03	
Louisiana.....	22 14	5 76		17 78		4 36
Michigan.....	167 40		6 10	167 40		
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	60 30	1 00		60 30		
Missouri.....	44 82			44 13		69
Nebraska.....	71 28		2 43	71 28		
New York.....	189 18			189 18		
North Dakota.....	27 54			35 97	8 43	
North Indiana.....	57 60			57 60		
North Michigan.....	294 84	24 14		294 84		
North Minnesota.....	51 66			50 49		1 17
Ohio.....	151 38			151 38		
Oil City.....	285 66			285 84	18	
Oklahoma.....	45 00			45 00		
Oregon.....	63 00			63 00		
Pittsburg.....	201 16			212 94	11 78	
Platte River.....	79 56			76 86		2 70
Southern California.....	61 56			61 56		
South Dakota.....	84 60			79 05		5 55
Susquehanna.....	249 84	4 58		244 42		5 42
Texas.....	90 72	65		91 37	65	
Wabash.....	140 40			139 90		50
Washington.....	70 38		1 36	70 42	04	
West Iowa.....	117 90			117 90		
West Kansas.....	117 00		1 60	116 49		51
West Ontario.....	96 84			96 04		80
Wisconsin.....	148 50		84	148 50		
Total.....	\$4621 34	\$66 33	\$15 45	\$4605 41	\$26 14	\$42 06

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICERS

REV. W. T. HOGUE, President.

REV. W. A. SELLEW, Vice-President.

REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD, Recording Secretary.

REV. M. B. MILLER, Corresponding Secretary.

C. O. SCHANTZ, Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

FIRST SITTING

Pursuant to a call published in the *Free Methodist*, the Board of Education of the Free Methodist church of North America met in the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, October 15, 1902, at 5 p. m.

The president, Wilson T. Hogue, called the board to order and presided. Prayer was offered by E. P. Hart.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names: W. T. Hogue, W. A. Sellew, W. B. Olmstead, M. B. Miller, C. O. Schantz, E. P. Hart, G. W. Coleman, B. R. Jones, James Craig, W. H. Clark, F. H. Ashcraft, Thomas Heavisides, J. Graham.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the board were read by the secretary.

The treasurer made his annual report as follows:

CHILDREN'S FUND OCTOBER 1, 1902

On hand October 1, 1901.....	\$1250 36
Amount received from October 1901 to October 1902.....	242 26
Interest from Illinois Trust and Savings Bank.....	29 79
Total.....	<u>\$1522 41</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

DISBURSEMENTS	
Paper and printing	\$5 04
Stamps	1 00
Printing minutes	3 00
Sundry expenses	5 11

Total	\$14 15
Less one-half charged to Educational Fund, \$7.08	\$7 07
Loan O. A. Burns	75 00
“ F. A. Reese	45 00
“ Mary E. Damon	200 00
“ Robert E. Adams	120 00
“ Daniel Toole	45 00
“ H. L. Smith	75 00
Total	\$567 07

On hand.....	\$955 34
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\$888 of which is deposited in the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank in the name of the Board of Education of the Free Methodist church of North America; \$67.34 is in the hands of S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer of church funds. Total, \$955.34.

Children's Fund: The following notes for the Children's Fund are in the hands of the treasurer: O. A. Burns, \$75; F. A. Reese, \$45; Mary E. Damon, \$200; Robert E. Adams, \$120; Daniel Toole, \$45; H. L. Smith, \$75. Total, \$560.

EDUCATIONAL FUND

On hand October 1, 1901.....	\$301 04
Amount received from October 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902.....	141 65
Interest from Illinois Trust and Savings Bank.....	7 20

Total.....	\$449 89
One-half of sundry expenses as per report on Children's Fund.....	7 08
	<hr/> \$442 81

\$373.08 of which is deposited in the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank in the name of the Board of Education of the Free Methodist church of North America; \$69.73 is in the hands of S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer of church funds. Total, \$442.81.

Educational Fund: The following notes for the Educational Fund are in the hands of the treasurer: J. B. Lutz, \$35; S. P. Crouch, \$75. Total, \$110.

The notes held under these funds are in the custody of S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer of church funds.
C. O. SCHANTZ, Treasurer.

On motion the treasurer's report was referred to the auditing committee.

On motion the loans made thus far were ordered charged to the Children's Fund.

Reports from standing committees were then called for.

The FINANCE committee, the committee on APPROPRIATIONS, the committee on LOCATION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, the committee on CANCELLATION OF LOANS, the committee on RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS each reported through their president that no business had come before them.

The corresponding secretary reported that twelve applications for loans were in his hands.

On motion these applications were referred to the committee on appropriations.

The recording secretary stated that a paper was in his hands regarding a proposed new school in Southern California, but that it was of such a nature that no action was necessary to be taken by this board.

The corresponding secretary reported that he had two reports from those who had received loans last year; also a report from R. E. Adams.

The corresponding secretary was asked for a report as to what he had done in writing to the secretaries of the annual conferences with regard to informing them as to the workings of the Board of Education. He reported that through a misunderstanding, nothing had been done.

On motion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

SECOND SITTING

The Board of Education of the Free Methodist church was called together at the usual place, October 16, 1902, at 11:10 a. m., with President Wilson T. Hogue in the chair. Prayer was offered by W. B. Olmstead.

On motion the calling of the roll was omitted.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and approved.

The committee on Recognition of Schools reported through E. P. Hart that an appropriation was in their hands from Orleans Seminary asking that the school be placed on the list of recognized schools. The committee recommended that this be done.

On motion the recommendation was approved.

The committee on Appropriations reported through M. B. Miller as follows:

The committee on Appropriations recommend that loans be made to the following persons: Herbert L. Smith, of Spring Arbor, Michigan, \$100; Samuel P. Crouch, of Fountain, Colorado, \$75; Clarence S. Marsh, of Chicago, Illinois, \$75; Caroline M. Hill, of Morris, Illinois, \$100; Viletta Dalrymple, of Pittsfield, Pennsylvania, \$50; A. E. Thomas, of Spring Arbor, Michigan, \$75; W. I. Lively, of Seattle, Washington, \$30; L. W. Huston, of Seattle, Washington, \$30; Elton Cornell, of Evansville, Wisconsin, \$40 (provided he fills out and signs a regular blank provided for those desiring loans); Dallas Devere Burwell, of Orleans, Nebraska, \$15; Alice E. Ruch, of Orleans, Nebraska, \$50.

On motion of C. O. Schantz, it was decided that the following loans be charged to the Children's Fund: H. L. Smith, for \$100; S. P. Crouch, for \$75; C. S. Marsh, for \$75; Caroline M. Hill, for \$100; W. I. Lively, for \$30; L. W. Huston, for \$30; D. D. Burwell, for \$15; Alice E. Ruch, for \$50.

On motion it was further ordered that the following loans be charged to the Educational Fund: Viletta Dalrymple, for \$50; A. E. Thomas, for \$75; Elton Cornell, for \$40.

On motion it was ordered that when the board finally adjourn, it adjourn to meet at

Greenville, Illinois, in June, 1903, during the session of the general conference at the call of the president.

On motion it was ordered that the corresponding secretary be instructed to notify future applicants for loans through the *Free Methodist* that such applications must be filed with the secretary before the next meeting of the general conference.

On motion the corresponding secretary was ordered to print and distribute 1,000 circulars of the Constitution and By-Laws, and to draw on the treasurer for an amount sufficient to cover the cost.

On motion the corresponding secretary was instructed to issue leaflet information as far as he feels free to do so, for the purpose of informing our people regarding the object and purpose of the Educational Fund, and he was empowered to draw on the treasurer to cover cost of such printed matter.

The auditor presented the following report: "The Auditing Committee report that they have examined the treasurer's account with the vouchers, and found the same correct. They have examined the bank book and find the amount of money on hand in bank as reported. The amount reported as on hand in account with S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer, is also correct.

"WALTER A. SELLEW, } Committee."
JAMES ORAIG, }

"October 16, 1902.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the report of the treasurer was adopted.

The minutes were read, corrected, and on motion approved.

On motion the board adjourned.

W. B. OLNSTEAD, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.—OBJECT AND DESIGN

The object of the board is to promote theological and general education in the Free Methodist church under the conditions prescribed by the Certificate of Incorporation, and by the General Conference of the Free Methodist church.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERS

The board shall consist of the fourteen members of the Executive Committee of the Free Methodist church of North America and the editor of the *Free Methodist*, as provided for by the General Conference of the Free Methodist church at its session held in Chicago, during the month of October, 1898, and recorded in Chapter XIV. of the Discipline.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS

The officers of this board shall consist of a president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer, to be elected at the annual meeting. Besides these officers the board may appoint such other officers or agents, paid or unpaid, as may from time to time be necessary in the judgment of the board to carry out its objects. The duties of all the officers shall be prescribed by the by-laws.

All elections shall be by ballot, unless the ballot be dispensed with by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

ARTICLE IV.—QUORUM

Seven members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the board.

ARTICLE V.—FINANCE COMMITTEE

There shall be annually appointed three members of the board who shall constitute the Standing Committee on Finance, to whose care and management shall be intrusted the funds of the corporation, the fixing and changing the official bonds of the treasurer, and the proper investment and appropriation of the monies and revenues of the corporation.

under the direction of the Board of Education; and no investments or securities shall be changed by the treasurer without the consent of a majority of this committee first obtained by resolution adopted at a regular meeting thereof; and minutes of all the proceedings of the Finance Committee shall be kept and submitted to the stated meetings of the Board of Education for approval.

ARTICLE VI.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

SECTION 1. Any annual conference or associate conferences may form an Education Society auxiliary to the Board of Education, with the understanding that all collections or contributions for educational purposes, made to such Education Society, shall be appropriated at its own discretion. All contributions to permanent funds made by order of an annual conference may be held and administered by the conference auxiliary if it be incorporated, and if not, shall be forwarded to this Board of Education to be held and administered for the purposes specified by the donors.

SECTION 2. All auxiliary societies are required to send annually a report of their doings to this board.

ARTICLE VII.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUNDS

SECTION 1. It shall be the special interest and duty of this board to augment the Sunday-school Children's Fund and to appropriate its proceeds according to the directions of the general conference.

SECTION 2. No conference shall share in the proceeds of money contributed hereafter to this fund which shall not direct that annual collections be taken up in its behalf in the Sunday-schools within the bounds of said conference, according to the recommendation of the general conference fixing on the first Sunday in the month of June, or, if that date be impracticable, the most convenient Sabbath in June, as the Children's Day; said collection to be taken on that day.

ARTICLE VIII.—OF CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

The Board of Education may, at any stated meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, make amendments to this constitution not inconsistent with the Certificate of Incorporation, provided that such amendment or amendments shall have been proposed at a previous meeting, and shall be passed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board.

BY-LAWS

SECTION I.—MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of this board shall be held at the Free Methodist Publishing House in Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the annual meetings of the Executive Committee of the Free Methodist church, in October of each year, the announcement of the precise date to be advertised through the *Free Methodist* by the president thirty days prior to the time of the meeting.

2. Special meetings may be called by the president at any time when in his judgment and that of the other officers of the board, such a meeting is necessary.

SECTION II.—OFFICERS

1. The officers of this board shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

2. These officers shall be elected yearly at the annual meeting of the board, and shall continue in office one year or until the election of their successors. A vacancy may be filled at any meeting of the board.

3. The president shall call or announce all the meetings of the board, and preside over the same when present.

4. The vice president shall fulfil the duties properly devolving upon the president whenever for any reason the former is unable to act.

5. The recording secretary shall be the custodian of the records of the board and of the seal of the incorporation, and shall keep a faithful record of all the business done at the meetings of the board, which, after having been approved, he shall transcribe into a permanent record.

6. The corresponding secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Finance Committee and of the Committee on Appropriations. He shall also keep in correspondence with such auxiliary societies as now exist or may be formed within the church, and with all the annual conferences in order to secure the formation of auxiliary societies and promote their efficiency when formed. He shall prepare, print and circulate all documents necessary to the fulfilment of the duties of this board, as provided for by its Constitution and ordered by the general conference. He shall have general oversight of all correspondence pertaining to legacies, bequests, donations, etc., as also of all correspondence from applicants for benefits from the funds of the board, and perform all the other duties naturally belonging to his office or that may be directed by the board.

7. The treasurer shall be the custodian of all the funds belonging or accruing to the board, which he shall receive, disburse or invest as the board or Finance Committee shall direct. He shall submit his accounts annually to the Auditing Committee, and his books and papers shall be subject to their inspection at any time. He shall give all information at his command concerning the condition of the treasury whenever requested to do so by the board or by the Finance Committee. He shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee on Appropriations. He shall also execute and deliver to the Board of Education such bonds as the Finance Committee may at any time require, under instructions from the board.

SECTION III.—STANDING COMMITTEES

There shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Education in each and every year the following standing committees:

1. A Finance Committee of three members.
2. An Auditing Committee of three members, who shall audit the accounts of the treasurer annually, and at such other times as the board may direct, and report at the next meeting of the board. They shall audit such other accounts as may be referred to them by the board.
3. A Committee on Appropriations consisting of three members in addition to the two *ex officio* members, whose duty it shall be to examine and determine upon all applications from persons, conferences or institutions capable of receiving aid under the regulations established by the general conference, and to report their action at the next following meeting of the board.
4. A Committee on the Location of Educational Institutions.
5. A Committee on the Cancellation of Loans.
6. A Committee on the Recognition of Schools.

SECTION IV.—PARLIAMENTARY REGULATIONS

The Parliamentary Rules of Order adopted by the general conference shall govern the deliberations of the Board of Education.

SECTION V.—ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading of minutes for information.
4. Report of the treasurer.
5. Reports from standing committees.
6. Reports from special committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Miscellaneous business—motions—resolutions.
9. Reading minutes for correction and approval.
10. Adjournment.

SECTION VI.—ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

The By-laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the board by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members, due notice of such alteration or amendment having been given at a previous stated meeting.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

FIFTH SESSION

Pursuant to a call published in the Free Methodist the Board of Conference Claimants met at 14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 1902, at 1:40 p. m., with General Superintendent W. A. Seifert in the chair. Prayer was offered by B. Winger.

On motion the calling of the roll was ordered.

The treasurer made a verbal report which, on motion, was accepted.

On motion the name of Mrs. Annie Travis was ordered placed on the list of conference claimants and claims, inasmuch as she has been made a claimant by the general conference.

On motion it was ordered that the board request the general conference for a decision in regard to the amount due a conference claimant, providing he dies during the year for which the claim is allowed.

In accordance with a recommendation from the treasurer of this board it was ordered that the assessment for 1902-1903 be 30 cents per member.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND, 1902

CONFERENCE	Appropriation	Debit 11, 1901	Debit 12, 1901	Debit 11, 1902	Debit 12, 1902	Surplus, 1902	Claimants, 1902	Debit Claimants	Debit Claimants, 1903
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	\$ 78.30	\$ 30.00	\$ 32.30			\$ 48.00	\$ 87.00		
California	94.30		85.20			9.10	10.00		\$ 25.50
Central Illinois	425.30		425.30			0.00	125.00		290.00
Colorado	90.00		90.00			0.00	200.00	*200.00	225.00
Colorado River	60.00		60.00						25.00
East Michigan	500.00		500.00			0.00	500.00		500.00
East Ontario	225.20		275.55	1.50					
Genesee	445.00		445.00	1.20		1.80	1.00		445.00
Illinois	302.00		302.00						302.00
Iowa	224.00		224.00			0.00	250.00		290.00
Kansas	265.00		265.00	1.80		5.00	50.00		290.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	90.00	25.00	5.00	5.00					
Louisiana	80.00		80.00	1.00					
Michigan	270.00		270.00						270.00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	300.00		300.00		\$ 2.25	125.00	*200.00		625.00
Missouri	72.00	27.00	45.00			27.00			
Nebraska	128.00		128.00			0.00	*75.00		203.00
New York	435.00		435.00			435.00	435.00		247.00
North Dakota	40.00	12.00	28.00						
North Indiana	30.00		30.00						240.00
North Michigan	425.00		425.00	10.00		435.00	350.00	225.00	45.00
North Minnesota	80.00	27.00	53.00				25.00		220.00
Ohio	262.00		262.00	25.20		236.80	220.00		220.00
Old City	475.00		475.00			0.00	50.00		57.00
Oklahoma	75.00		75.00			275.00	275.00		275.00
Oregon	105.00		105.00			0.00	50.00		
Pittsburg	855.00		855.00	25.00		830.00			
Platte River	132.00		132.00			132.00			
South Dakota	340.00		340.00			200.00	*50.00		30.00
Southern California	302.00	5.00	317.00			310.00	270.00		2250.00
Susquehanna	425.00		425.00			425.00	250.00		
Texas	152.00		152.00			240.00	240.00		
Wabash	324.00		324.00			225.00	225.00		295.00
Washington	277.00		277.00			800.00	800.00		250.00
West Iowa	196.00		196.00			330.00	220.00		220.00
West Kansas	205.00		205.00			230.00	230.00		275.00
West Ontario	261.00		261.00			325.00	325.00		400.00
Wisconsin	247.00		247.00			202.00	225.00		220.00
Total	\$ 7,113.80	\$ 224.00	\$ 7,089.80	\$ 207.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 5,675.80	\$ 5,675.80	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 5,675.80

*Death of claimants accounts for the apparent deficit. †Claim reduced.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

FIFTH SESSION

Pursuant to a call published in the *Free Methodist* the annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension, of the Free Methodist Church of North America convened at 16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, at 9:20 a. m., October 15, 1902.

The board was called together by General Superintendent G. W. Coleman, who presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by the president.

The roll was called and the following persons answered to their names: G. W. Coleman, B. R. Jones, B. Winget, C. O. Schantz, J. Graham, J. F. Garrett, E. P. Hart, W. A. Sellew, S. K. J. Chesbro, W. H. Clark, W. B. Olmstead, Thomas Heavisides.

On motion the missionary secretary presented the following report:

The object of this fund is to encourage self-sacrificing zeal and heroic faith as manifested in the exercise of the grace of giving to provide churches for God's worship. Such conditions are of vital importance as a basis for the upbuilding and perpetuity of God's work and worship. In a recent report concerning the home work in the Presbyterian church, it was stated that one-third of the churches built by the denomination had ceased to be occupied by them. How many vacant churches we already have among us. A society without sufficient faith in God, and self-sacrificing zeal to attempt great things for him, expecting that success will crown their efforts, hardly evidences sufficient faith to ensure healthy growth and development. Our work is the most fruitful and permanent where there has been the fullest manifestation of the grace of giving and of faith in God without looking specially for aid from abroad. Are we making as much advancement in proportion to our numbers, in the matter of church building as we did in our earlier history before we had our church extension fund? If we use this fund in such a way as to lessen self-sacrificing zeal and the exercise of grace and faith in giving on the part of our societies, it may be a crutch on which they may lean for a time, only to fall later, while without it they might have learned to walk alone and become strong.

We have reached a crisis in the use and administration of this fund. We must have larger collections from the church or we must change our policy in administering it. Which shall we do? I think the latter is the wise course for us to pursue. Therefore, your secretary makes the following recommendations:

1. That it is the sense of this board that no greater appropriation than \$200 be made to any one society except in cases of extreme necessity.
2. That no appropriations be made to old, established societies when they repair and enlarge their church buildings unless in cases of extreme necessity.
3. Should the board approve of these recommendations it is understood that they are to apply only to future applications.

On motion the report was received.

The treasurer gave his report as follows: (See report.)

On motion of C. O. Schantz the treasurer's report was received.

On motion of C. O. Schantz it was ordered that the board limit their appropriations for 1902 and 1903 to \$1,600 over the amount usually appropriated for incidental expenses and secretary's salary.

On motion the first recommendation in the missionary secretary's report was stricken out.

On motion the second recommendation of the missionary secretary's report was adopted.

On motion the missionary secretary's report as amended was adopted as a whole.

The matter of applications for aid from the church extension fund was then taken up.

The following appropriations were made for aid from the church extension fund: (See list.)

Pending the consideration of the applications, on motion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

The matter of reading applications for aid from the church extension fund was then taken up.

The following applications were read and the sums set opposite each, were, on motion appropriated. (See list.)

The matter of the election of five directors was taken up.

S. K. J. Chesbro, G. W. Coleman, B. Winget, W. B. Olmstead and B. R. Jones, each having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected.

On motion it was ordered that the applications marked "deferred" be placed on file and presented at the next annual meeting of the board.

The minutes were read, and on motion approved.

On motion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

October 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902

To balance on hand October 1, 1901	\$ 636 50
To amount receipts from circuits, etc. from October 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902	2229 78
Total	<u>\$2866 28</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

1901 By amount church at	Mt. Pleasant, East Ontario	\$ 75 00
"	Mt. Vernon, Washington	100 00
"	Allaben, New York	75 00
"	Beebe, Arkansas and South Missouri	50 00
"	Toledo, Ohio	300 00
"	Seattle, Washington	400 00
"	Larimore, North Dakota	50 00
1902	Planitz Ohio	50 00
"	South Haven, North Minnesota	25 00
"	Brantford, West Ontario	150 00
"	Bolton, Susquehanna	100 00
"	Scottsville, North Michigan	50 00
"	Grants Pass, Oregon	75 00
"	Faulkton, South Dakota	50 00
"	North Baltimore, Ohio	225 00
"	Clarion, etc, Oil City	50 00
"	Liberty, South California	100 00
"	Hendricks, Pittsburg	25 00
"	Penfield, Oil City	50 00
"	Louisville, Nebraska	100 00
"	Emerald, Wisconsin	60 00
"	Eureka, East Michigan	50 00
"	Sarnia, West Ontario	150 00
Expense account		181 20
Balance on hand		<u>325 08</u>
		<u>\$2866 28 \$2866 28</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Amount on hand October 1	\$ 325 08
" secured up to meeting	182 67

PAID OUT

Amount Church Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan	\$300 00
" " Crawford, Illinois	400 00
	<u>\$507 75 \$700 00</u>
Overdrawn	192 25
	<u>\$700 00 \$700 00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS WERE READ, AND THE SUMS SET OPPOSITE WERE, ON MOTION, APPROPRIATED

Conference	Charge or Place	Amount
Central Illinois	Vandalia, Illinois	\$ 40 00
Columbia River	Clark's Fork, Idaho, (trustees not legally incorporated) ..	50 00
East Ontario	Toronto, Canada	100 00
East Ontario	Gananoque, Canada	75 00
Kansas	Minneapolis	50 00
Louisiana	Black River and Big Island circuit	15 00
Michigan	Hillsdale (we appropriated \$150 to this place last year) ..	50 00
Michigan	Kalamazoo (to pay off a debt and repair)	250 00
Nebraska	Norfolk	75 00
Nebraska	Lynch and Gross	50 00
New York	Allaben (has been outlawed be sure and grant it)	10 00
North Indiana	Columbia City, Loraine and Blue City	50 00
North Michigan	Mancelona	30 00

APPROPRIATIONS—Continued

Conference	Charge or place	Amount
North Minnesota.....	Hartford and Moran circuit.....	35 00
North Minnesota.....	Gordon and Spruce Hill circuit.....	20 00
North Minnesota.....	Huff and Green Prairie.....	50 00
Ohio.....	Tremont City and Dugan Hill.....	125 00
Oil City.....	Greenville (an old application renewed).....	40 00
Oklahoma.....	Enid.....	75 00
Oregon.....	Central Oregon, John Glen, pastor.....	75 00
Pittsburg.....	Leechburg, Bagdad and Freeport.....	40 00
Southern California.....	San Diego.....	100 00
Texas.....	Zavalla, Homer and Peach Tree.....	50 00
Texas.....	Muirhead Chapel.....	40 00
Washington.....	Blaine, Goodhope and Pleasant Valley.....	50 00
Washington.....	Roslyn and Cle Elum.....	75 00
West Iowa.....	Polk City.....	50 00
West Kansas.....	Geary, Blaine county, Oklahoma Territory.....	75 00
Wisconsin.....	Loyd and Little Willow circuit.....	25 00
Wisconsin.....	Humbird.....	100 00
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For incidental expenses and secretary's salary.....		\$1870 00
Total.....		<hr/> \$2030 00

CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS—CONTINUED

RECEIPTS, 1901-1902

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	Deficit	Surplus
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 28 10	\$ 10 04	\$18 06	.....
California.....	28 70	28 70	.....	.....
Central Illinois.....	147 40	114 47	32 93	.....
Colorado.....	30 30	30 30	.....	.....
Columbia River.....	17 70	14 10	3 60	.....
East Michigan.....	167 20	125 00	42 20	.....
East Ontario.....	61 40	61 40	.....	.....
Genesee.....	149 24	109 54	39 66	.....
Illinois.....	100 50	94 90	5 60	.....
Iowa.....	78 30	67 95	10 35	.....
Kansas.....	78 60	78 60	.....	.....
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	18 80	16 31	2 49	.....
Louisiana.....	12 30	9 60	2 70	.....
Michigan.....	98 00	81 50	11 50	.....
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	33 50	33 50	.....	.....
Missouri.....	24 96	12 40	12 50	.....
Nebraska.....	39 60	39 60	.....	.....
New York.....	105 10	90 55	14 55	.....
North Dakota.....	15 30	14 46	84	.....
North Indiana.....	32 00	32 00	.....	.....
North Michigan.....	163 80	145 60	18 20	.....
North Minnesota.....	28 70	21 25	7 55	.....
Ohio.....	84 10	67 47	16 63	.....
Oklahoma.....	25 00	25 00	.....	.....
Oil City.....	158 70	153 70	5 00	.....
Oregon.....	35 00	26 51	8 49	.....
Platte River.....	44 20	40 40	3 80	.....
Pittsburg.....	111 70	110 28	1 42	.....
Southern California.....	34 20	34 20	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	47 00	47 00	.....	.....
Susquehanna.....	138 80	67 31	71 49	.....
Texas.....	50 80	41 41	9 39	.....
Wabash.....	78 00	78 00	.....	.....
Washington.....	39 10	39 10	.....	.....
West Iowa.....	65 50	65 50	.....	.....
West Kansas.....	65 00	55 03	9 97	.....
West Ontario.....	53 80	52 00	1 80	.....
Wisconsin.....	82 50	60 20	22 30	.....
Total.....	<hr/> \$2567 80	<hr/> \$2194 82	<hr/> \$ 372 98	<hr/>

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METH- ODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

NAMES OF MEMBERS

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S. K. J. CHESBRO,

REV. B. WINGET,
REV. W. B. OLNSTEAD,
MRS. MARY L. COLEMAN.

FIFTH SESSION

Pursuant to the call published in the *Free Methodist*, the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1902, at 2 p. m.

General Superintendent B. R. Jones, president of the board, called the meeting to order and presided.

Hymns number 56 and 187 were sung and scripture lesson from Acts 4:23-32; 13:1-5; 45-48 was read by the president, and prayer was offered by Mrs. E. L. McGeary, Benjamin Winget, W. A. Sellw and Mrs. Mary L. Coleman. In all, one-half hour was devoted to devotional exercises that the blessing of God may rest on the missionary work in the church.

The secretary called the roll, and the following members answered to their names: B. R. Jones, E. P. Hart, G. W. Coleman, W. A. Sellw, B. Winget, W. H. Clark, W. B. Olmstead, J. Graham, C. O. Schantz, Thomas Heavisides, J. F. Garrett, Mrs. Ella L. McGeary, Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, Mrs. Helen Hart Jones and S. K. J. Chesbro.

The report of the work of the board of directors was read by the secretary. (See report.) On motion the report was adopted.

The secretary of the board read his annual report as follows: (See report.)

On motion the report was adopted.

The treasurer gave his report as follows: (See report.)

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the reports of the superintendents and missionaries on the foreign fields were ordered read.

On motion the board proceeded to the election of two directors by ballot.

W. B. Olmstead and Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, having each received a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected.

The secretary presented the matter of our missionary work in Japan.

The applications and recommendations of the following named persons for Japan were presented to the board for its consideration by the secretary: Rev. Wesley F. and Mrs. Minnie W. Matthewson, of Holland, Ohio.

The matter of considering the applications and recommendations of persons who desired to be sent as missionaries to the foreign field was resumed.

The secretary read communication, etc., from the following persons: (1) August Youngren, of Seattle, Washington; (2) Miss Annie C. Millican, of Seattle, Washington.

On motion Rev. Wesley and Mrs. Minnie W. Matthewson were accepted as missionaries for Japan.

On motion of W. B. Olmstead, Miss Lillian M. Bushnell, of Evansville, Wisconsin, was appointed to Japan, to be sent out with Mr. and Mrs. Matthewson, if in the judgment of the board of directors the funds will warrant it.

A communication was read by the secretary from G. H. Agnew and wife relative to their returning to this country.

On motion it was ordered that Rev. G. H. Agnew and wife be allowed to return to America in the spring of 1903.

The secretary read the Manual, testimonials and recommendations from Dr. W. A. Backenstoe, of Emaus, Pennsylvania.

W. A. Sellew and B. Winget spoke regarding his general qualifications for foreign medical mission work.

On motion of W. A. Sellew, it was ordered to accept Dr. W. A. Backenstoe as a medical missionary, and that he be sent out at such time and to such field as the board of directors think best.

The secretary presented the case of Miss Augusta G. Reed, of Brooklyn, New York, whose application and Manual, and recommendations were considered by the board.

On motion Miss Augusta G. Reed was accepted as a missionary to India, to be sent out provided the board of directors are satisfied with her recommendations and decide the funds will warrant such action.

The secretary read the following communication from V. G. McMurray: (See communication.)

On motion it was ordered regarding recommendation (A) in his report that the secretary be instructed to inform Rev. V. G. McMurray that native workers from other mission boards or societies in the same relation they held in the societies from which they come; and that if said workers are ordained and prove themselves worthy, their parchments may be sent on to one of our annual conferences and their ordination be recognized and a certificate to that effect be given them.

The annual report was read from W. G. Hanmer, general conference evangelist, as follows: (See report.)

On motion G. H. Agnew was appointed as superintendent of the mission work at Johannesburg and Inhambane, Africa.

On motion J. P. Brodhead was appointed superintendent of the mission work at Natal, his relation to William C. Gray to be the same as last year.

The matter of considering appropriations for general missions was taken up.

The treasurer of the general mission fund then reported as follows: (See report.) On motion the report was adopted.

Applications for aid from the general mission fund were read.

On motion the following appropriations were made for general missions for 1902-1903. (See list.)

On motion V. G. McMurray was appointed superintendent for India.

On motion the resignation of Emma Appling as missionary to the foreign field was accepted, and an appropriation was made to equal the amount she owes the missionary board.

The secretary recommended that the following appropriations be made for foreign missions for 1902-1903. (See list).

On motion the appropriations as recommended by the secretary were allowed.

On motion V. G. McMurray was given the power of attorney for us in India.

On motion it was ordered that the board proceed to elect a treasurer for our missionaries in India, and on motion M. C. Clarke was elected.

On motion Rev. W. F. Matthewson was elected as superintendent of our mission work in Japan.

On motion it was ordered that it is the sense of this board that the recently-appointed

missionaries to Japan make their headquarters in Osaka, if in the judgment of the missionary secretary and the superintendent to Japan it be deemed best.

W. A. Sellev presented the following resolution :

That whenever missionaries are sent out under this board, the secretary shall call their attention to the fact that they should fully consider the relation of their children to the foreign work and to this board, and that we cannot undertake to furnish any special advantages of a social or educational nature except such as may be found at the mission station where such missionaries may be sent, and that no responsibility shall rest upon the board, either moral or otherwise, because of lack of their advantages or a desire on the part of the missionaries for such advantages for their children.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD :

With deep and profound gratitude to God, the giver of all good, we can report that we have had health and strength to labor and prosecute the work of evangelism during the entire year. We have had no interruptions of any character, and God has most graciously helped and blest us in the work. Never in my life have I felt to be in the divine order more than during the present year. I spent most of the months of November and December in Wisconsin, at Bay View, the South side church, Milwaukee, and Evansville. After spending about ten days in an earnest effort for souls at Bay View, we transferred the meeting to the Second Free Methodist church in Milwaukee. Special prayer-meetings and a camp-meeting had been held in Bay View prior to our visit there. It seemed to Pastor E. J. Roberts that an open door presented itself and great hopes were anticipated; but after we began the revival services, what seemed to have been in sight suddenly disappeared. So we felt led to move the meeting to the Milwaukee church. There we spent two weeks in a decidedly special effort. Over twenty were either saved or sanctified, and the church in all its departments was revived and benefited. A number were added to the membership. We spent ten days in Evansville, with some saving and sanctifying results. However, the fruit there was small, comparatively speaking. Some things seemed to hinder the full liberty and power of the Spirit. More time was needed to get the meeting up to where the full power and liberty of the Spirit could have been realized.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.—Some friends secured the use of a church here for us for two weeks. We began services January 3 and continued two weeks. The location proved to be very unfortunate. It was an out-of-the-way locality and the immediate community was made up of business places and Catholic families. However, we made the best of the situation. Some interest was created and we got acquainted with the field and its needs and found some earnest Christians who felt drawn to us and seemed to be anxious to have ■ Free Methodist church in Minneapolis.

ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA.—In answer to a call from Pastor Fred Stokes, of South Haven, we spent three weeks in a special effort in St. Cloud. Out of the twelve thousand inhabitants fully two-thirds of them are Catholics. A Catholic hall was rented for the services. Soon a powerful revival broke out. The agitation in the community was intense and the devil was greatly stirred. There was a great stir and excitement. The meetings were powerful and fiery. Strong and pungent conviction took hold of the hardened sinners and they were brought down crying for mercy. Whole families were brought in. About fifty were saved and some sanctified wholly. We organized a class of thirty-eight members and a Sunday-school with a good corps of teachers. Efforts are being made to build a new church there.

SOUTH HAVEN, MINNESOTA.—The meeting here had been in progress some time when we arrived. For eight days we pushed the battle day and night. Much of the Spirit's help

and presence was realized. A dozen or more were converted and ten were added to the church. The Holy Ghost poured light and brought strong conviction on the whole community.

On our way back from North Minnesota we spent six weeks more in the twin cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul), in a protracted and earnest effort to gain a permanent foothold, closing the meeting the last Sunday in March, owing to the peculiar conditions of things and the many difficulties and discouragements and the fact that during the last fifteen years a number of special efforts have been made in the name of Free Methodism, mostly by incapable and unreliable parties. Such efforts we found had left a very detrimental and unfavorable influence. Such a combination of difficulties formed a barrier that seemed to effectually block our way. We spent two weeks skirmishing around here and there entering every open door, and finally rented a church in a central location and held revival services during the whole month of March. We were located in the midst of the popular churches. From first to last we wrestled against opposing powers, "principalities and spiritual wickedness in high places." It was a "fight of faith" and a hand to hand contest. The Holy Ghost stirred and moved the people in every service. It was a time of seed-sowing with some good results. At the close of this effort we promised the friends to return and resume the work in the summer with a tabernacle or camp-meeting, or both. After leaving here we spent a short time at Rockford, Iowa, with Pastor Tenney. The last of May and the first of June was spent in a tabernacle meeting at Kankakee, Illinois. The weather was so unfavorable during the whole time that we had promised for that meeting that it was practically impossible for us to do anything. We attended the re-opening of our church at Elkhart, Indiana, and camp-meetings at Browerville, Minnesota, and Rhineland, Wisconsin. For two years we have attended the Browerville camp-meeting. They have been of an extraordinary character. Many were saved and sanctified and the whole country for miles around was stirred. Since the last meeting the brethren have purchased the grounds there for a permanent camp-ground, and have built a new church. Near the last of July we returned to the twin cities and spent some time searching and praying for some suitable community in which to locate a tabernacle meeting.

On August, the third, we began a camp-tabernacle-meeting at Midway, on the suburban street-car line (about midway between the two cities), and closed about the last of September. From start to finish it was a remarkable meeting. People attended from St. Paul and Minneapolis and from the regions beyond. For life, power, liberty and blessing, the friends here say there has never been such a meeting in these parts. It was truly a meeting of old-time power and interest. There were some powerful and clear deliverances in pardon and holiness. The meetings were specially attractive. The singing seemed to have a charm in it—it was in the Spirit. So were all the exercises—praying in the Holy Ghost, preaching and exhortation. All seemed eager to take some part and assist, because the Spirit prevailed and drew all into service. At least 150 must have received definite help at the altar, some restoring and others saving or sanctifying grace. The meeting has opened up the fields here for us. "A great and effectual door is open to us and there are many adversaries." We have rented a mission hall at Midway and a church in Minneapolis and in St. Paul. We are at work locating and establishing an interest at each of these places. On Thursday of this week we purpose to elect a board of trustees in St. Paul and incorporate. Sister Catherine Zimmerman is especially interested in our building a church. She has already donated a good lot in a suitable location to build on and given us assurance that she will see the enterprise through. God be praised! The situation all through these parts now is full of promise and encouragement. At least three months more of earnest evangelistic effort is needed, now that the fields are open. Rev. Robert S. Ellis, the blind preacher, and his daughter Kittie have united with us. Brother Ellis joined the Free Methodist church when it was first organized in the East and trained and suffered with the brethren there during the first ten years of our church history. Then he came west and spent ten years more in the Illinois and Iowa conferences. Since that time he has been engaged here and there in mission and evangelistic work. He is doubly glad to get home again. His

daughter Kittie, who accompanies him, is a sweet and excellent singer. She is evidently called and used of God in the service of song. They would be a means of blessing and a benediction to any of our churches. Brother Ellis has a voice like a trumpet. It has been wonderfully preserved. Mrs. Mary Angove and Miss Nellie Wands united with us here. They have been especially used together in evangelistic work. They are efficient and aggressive.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Raised from the fields for the support of Rev. A. C. Jett.....	\$434 09
“ “ “ “ other workers.....	28 50
“ “ “ “ for traveling expenses.....	132 28
“ “ “ “ for rent of churches, halls, grounds, tents, and incidentals..	336 40
Total.....	\$931 27

At the present writing we are holding revival services in a mission hall in St. Paul.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HANMER, General Conference Evangelist.

THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

DEAR BRETHREN: The evidences of God's guidance in our missionary work, and of his blessing upon the work and workers the past year are reasons for most devout and hearty thanksgivings to God.

Surely these marks of his favor towards us ought to inspire our hearts with faith and courage to attempt greater things in the direction of sending the light of life to those in heathen darkness, and should be the basis of greater expectations from him.

We are glad to know that there has been a very encouraging increase of receipts for foreign missions the past year. This is largely attributable to the zeal and perseverance of the members of the W. F. M. S. I think the preachers are increasingly interested in this work.

The number of applications for appointment to the foreign field which have been received evidences that the missionary spirit among us has gone deeper than the surface, and has led to the most costly consecrations. Within the past two years one brother has given three hundred dollars for the support of native workers, and others have given smaller sums for this purpose. Some of the donors were not members of our church. These manifestations evidence a growing missionary spirit among us.

At our last annual meeting six missionaries were accepted, one for India and five for Africa. At that time the board took action approving of the directors accepting and sending out additional missionaries to any field for which appropriations had been made, if suitable persons could be secured and sufficient funds were in the treasury. In accordance with this last action the directors have sent out two young men to Inhambane instead of one, making six sent to Africa.

AFRICA—INHAMBANE

Good news has been received in regard to the native workers and their work. G. H. Agnew is exceedingly well pleased with the two young men we sent to Inhambane. He went there with them and remained for some time; assisted them in getting settled, held meetings among the natives, introduced them to the native Christians and workers, and has taken special pains to have such sanitary conditions as will be conducive to their health. This is very important. When G. H. Agnew went to Inhambane with Brothers Smith and Haley he took along two native workers. In a recent letter from Inhambane G. H. Agnew says, "We have made a good start and are happy in the Lord. We have much to encourage us. The evangelists are full of courage and everything looks bright already." Carroll Smith and J. W. Haley enter upon their work full of courage and faith.

AFRICA—JOHANNESBURG

The forepart of this year G. H. Agnew secured a permit to return to this field. A little

later he secured one for Mrs. Agnew. The damage to our mission property there, because of the war, was comparatively small. The work has had an auspicious re-opening. F. Grace Allen kindly consented to help Sister Agnew in the work while Brother Agnew was away at Inhambane. Great hopes are entertained that this will be a more favorable place for missions than in the past.

AFRICA—FAIRVIEW

We have been much gratified with the character and progress of the work on this station during the past year. The missionaries have kept the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This has made them very helpful to each other, and has given power and efficiency to the work. Their faithful application to the work committed to their charge and their aggressive spirit are sources of satisfaction to your secretary, and will be much appreciated by you. Our superintendent and his wife met with quite a serious accident, but, according to latest reports, are much better with the prospect of complete recovery.

Our new missionaries, whom we sent out to Natal, have been very heartily received and are much appreciated.

The class at Fairview has given, the past year, in cash \$100 and in subscription \$225. Total, \$325. During the past four years the natives have given about \$450 toward the new chapel which has recently been finished and dedicated.

W. C. Gray has been enlarging his plans and work on the station land, and seems quite hopeful that in the near future the proceeds from the land will more than meet all expenses of the station. Good reports have been received from the station school, which is in charge of Masala, from F. Grace Allen's school, and from the Sunday-school, which is superintended by W. C. Gray.

The spiritual interests of the work have been well cared for in view of the amount of care and labor which has filled the hearts and hands of our faithful superintendent and his devoted wife, and the hearts and hands of our other true and tried missionaries. The spiritual work has been enlarged on different lines and gives good evidences of healthy growth.

We are pleased with the number of good and efficient native workers who have been and are being raised up through the labors of our missionaries, and the native church in Natal. This is as it should be, and we trust such fruit will be increasingly manifest.

EBENEZER—AFRICA

Ebenezer is the place first occupied by our missionaries when they commenced work at our new station, which is located about forty miles southwest from Fairview, Natal. Since work was commenced at Ebenezer we have purchased five hundred acres of government land at Itemba, and three hundred acres at Edwaleni. We rented a house and some land at Ebenezer when the work was begun. It is expected that Itemba and Edwaleni will be the places which will be permanently occupied in continuing this work. This has been Sister Hartman's field of labor ever since the work was begun. Some of the time during the year she has been there almost, or quite, alone, as far as association with white missionaries is concerned, but God has been with her and helped her to "hold the fort" and now, I am glad to say, she has reinforcements in the persons of Sister Nickel, and Nathaniel B. and Martha S. Smith. Their coming was hailed with great joy.

The new dwelling house at Itemba has been finished during the past year and will make a comfortable home for the missionaries. It is valued at \$800. A house for Brother and Sister Smith is greatly needed at Edwaleni, and it is being built.

Our superintendent and his wife, assisted by Sister Allen and some native workers, had a "gospel campaign" at Edwaleni the latter part of last year and the first of this. They held services, visited kraals, and made known the word of God in every possible way. Sister Hartman assisted, and God was with them and fruit was given.

This place is on the border of Pondo Land. While they were at Edwaleni, a call came for them to cross the Umtamvuna River into Pondo Land. Brother Brodhead responded to the call and visited the chief of the Pondos several times. Referring to this in one of

his letters he says, "As a result of these visits and the help of the Lord, and much praying on the part of the missionaries, we are having given us a mission site in Pondo Land, in a specially needy and yet inviting and healthful field and for which field we would like to see a missionary (man and wife) sent out soon—possibly within a year." If we had a station at this place, then, aside from Fairview we would have, Itemba, which is about forty miles from Fairview, and two miles from Edenezer; Edwaleni is twelve miles from Itemba; and the new site for a station in Pondo Land is about nine miles from Edwaleni.

Although our forces have been very small numerically at these new points, yet two day schools have been carried on, preaching has been given at four different places, and two classes have been organized, with nine members in full connection and eighteen probationers. (See statistical blank for fuller report.) We are thankful to God for the enlargement of heart manifested by our missionaries in Africa, resulting in the enlargement of their field of operations.

YEOTMAL—INDIA

We are thankful to report that, with but little exception, our missionaries have been able to pursue their language study and help forward the regular missionary work. The zeal and diligence they have manifested in their studies and in meeting their responsibilities in connection with the work are evidences of their faithfulness, and are causes for special thanksgiving and encouragement on our part and on the part of the many whose sympathies, offerings and prayers are with them.

V. G. and Mrs. V. G. McMurry having been on the field longer than any of the other missionaries have had more responsibilities in connection with the work than their fellow-workers. We are pleased with their care and faithfulness in meeting and discharging these added responsibilities, and very thankful to God for the help he has given them for the same.

A short time ago it was feared that India was about to be visited with another famine. More recently quite extensive rains have fallen, and the general prospect is much better for crops. Brother McMurry thinks that the famine conditions in some parts will enable them to supply the calls from the home land for orphans during the coming year. Our superintendent has secured some additional native workers and they have been laboring at Darwah and Wun. These are two of the most populous places in our districts. At Wun property has been secured for the use of our missionaries and native workers. J. T. Taylor and wife and Miss Cox are to occupy that station, assisted by native workers. The natives at Wun spoke of our mission there as follows: "The mission work at Wun, which in the beginning was like the work of ants, has grown to be like the work of elephants."

At present the other missionaries will be located at Yeotmal. Mr. M. C. and Mrs. E. H. Clarke are to have charge of the boys' orphanage, and Mary E. Chynoweth and Effie Southworth of the girls'.

V. G. and Mrs. V. G. McMurry expect to reside at the large bungalow at Yeotmal.

Recent letters from our missionaries are very encouraging because they report the outpouring of the Spirit on themselves and on the native workers. They seem to be of good courage and full of hope for the work. They are anxious for a man and wife to be sent out to take charge of the industrial work, and would hail with delight the coming of a medical missionary, and a thoroughly trained nurse to labor in medical and gospel work.

JAPAN—AWAJI

Our work in Japan has been carried on the past year by native workers, with the exception of some general oversight by Rev. F. O. Bergstrom, of the Swedish Alliance Mission. Our principal native worker is Rev. Teikich Kawabe, whose true missionary spirit and overflowing zeal for the salvation of his people and the spread of our Redeemer's kingdom, are very commendable. He has four or five native helpers of whom we have received good reports. Four young men connected with the work are reported as called to the ministry, and two of them are now attending a training school at Tokio, where Sasao

is teaching. Brother Kawabe seems to be holding up the true standard of Bible holiness, that which is evidenced by symmetrical, practical righteousness.

Speaking of the different classes who have been saved, he gives the following: Business men, policemen, postmen, farmers, fishermen, a captain in the army, school teachers and two sake (Japanese wine) sellers. Three idol worshipers received the light of the gospel and gave up their idols and brought them to Kawabe. He reports fifty-one members in full connection and thirty probationers. Total, eighty-one. Seven communicants were added the past year. They have three hundred Sunday-school scholars, with an average attendance of one hundred and ninety. Brother Kawabe is very anxious to have a man and wife sent to help them in the work. He is still very anxious to commence work in the large manufacturing city of Osaka, and have that the principal point for our work and continue the work on the island of Awaji. Awaji is quite easily reached from Osaka. The time has come when it seems important that we make a further advance if we are to continue to make appropriations for Japan.

I trust the Holy Spirit will clearly indicate his will to you in regard to Japan, and that agencies and means will be forthcoming for the fulfilment of the same.

GENERAL MISSIONS

So few reports have reached the secretary from recipients of appropriations from the General Mission Fund that he is not well prepared to judge of the fruits from the appropriations. The requests for aid are considerably greater than the funds.

Some of our people seem to be skeptical in regard to Paul's teaching, where he says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and so they ask for large appropriations, but fail to bring up their apportionments. Some conferences, which are embraced in what is considered the most needy part of the work, have received larger appropriations, yearly, than others which are embraced in the same territory. This should be considered, and where conferences are alike worthy and needy, there should be a wise application of the principle of equality in making appropriations. This course will commend itself to our people, and will tend to increase their interest in giving to this fund. It is desirable to have a more general response from recipients from these funds to the call for reports in regard to the use of the appropriations and the fruit from their use. Out of about sixty appropriations only eleven have made reports, and the most of these came after a special notice had been published in the paper asking for reports.

The best possible means should be made use of to have preachers and people heartily accept and fully meet their obligations in regard to the fund for general missions.

The renewal of Pentecost among us, giving clearer illumination, quickened consciences, and making our giving a means of grace and more fully a work of faith, would greatly help on this line.

THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL REPORT

The great goodness and abounding mercy of God toward me, the past year, have been my joy and sufficiency. I have labored in fifteen conferences, and in twelve States, have attended three conferences and seven camp-meetings. My time has been taken up partly with missionary, and partly with evangelistic, work, with office work added.

The discharge of my duties has called me to travel 14,278 miles.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Rev. J. P. Brodhead.....	Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa
Mrs. J. P. Brodhead.....	" " " " "
Miss F. Grace Allen.....	" " " " "
Mr. William O. Gray.....	" " " " "
Mrs. Viletta H. Gray.....	" " " " "
Miss Rosa D. Hunter.....	" " " " "
Miss Lucy A. Hartman.....	Enquabeni, Alfred county, " " "
Miss Margaret A. Nickel.....	" " " " "

Nathaniel B. Smith.....	Izingolweni, via. Shepstone, Natal, South Africa			
Mrs. Nathaniel B. Smith.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Rev. G. H. Agnew.....	Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal,	"	"	"
Mrs. Lillie Agnew.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Mr. Carroll Smith.....	Inhambane, South East Africa	"	"	"
Mr. J. W. Haley.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Rev. Valentine G. McMurry.....	Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India	"	"	"
Mrs. Celia F. McMurry.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Miss Effie L. Southworth.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Mr. M. C. Clarke.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Mrs. M. C. Clarke.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Miss Mary Chynoweth.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Rev. J. T. Taylor.....	Wun, Berar, via Warora, India	"	"	"
Mrs. Margaret E. Taylor.....	" " " "	"	"	"
Miss Rose Cox.....	" " " "	"	"	"

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF A FEW OF OUR NATIVE WORKERS

Rev. Teikich Kawabe.....	Awaji, Fukura, Japan
Mrs. Teikich Kawabe.....	" " "
Masala Myaose.....	Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GENERAL MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Martha B. Hart.....	1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California
Mrs. Helen Hart Jones.....	918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan
Mrs. L. J. W. Coleman.....	Gainesville, Wyoming county, New York
Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellev.....	170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York
Mrs. Ida R. C. Winget.....	14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1902

JOHANNESBURG AND INHAMBANE—AFRICA

G. H. Agnew and wife.....	\$ 250 00
Susie, and Harry Agnew, Junior.....	50 00
Extra for Johannesburg for five months.....	75 00
Emergency Fund for Johannesburg for five months.....	100 00
Emergency Fund for Inhambane.....	100 00
Salaries of Smith and Haley.....	500 00
Native evangelists.....	300 00
Fare to Inhambane and return.....	75 00
Claim license one year at Johannesburg.....	15 00
Taxes at Inhambane.....	25 00
One tank at Inhambane.....	40 00
For additional furniture at Inhambane.....	42 50
Owing G. H. Agnew on last year's account.....	80 00
For Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Agnew's fares home.....	450 00
Total.....	\$ 2102 50

FAIRVIEW—AFRICA

Two payments on 2,300 acres of land.....	\$ 310 00
Salaries of six missionaries.....	1500 00
Appropriation for five children.....	125 00
For coolies.....	200 00
Masala's salary.....	210 00
Emergency Fund.....	150 00
Assistant teacher for station school.....	50 00
Stephen and Martha's salaries.....	200 00
Extra for cane.....	200 00
New veranda for girl's home.....	15 00
Outfit furniture for one missionary.....	50 00
One new ox, or authority to sell the cow and buy one.....	100 00
For planting naartgies.....	100 00
Refund on mealy account.....	100 00
For Grace Allen's fare to and from Johannesburg.....	24 00

Less hut rents.....	\$350 00	\$3334 00
" government grant.....	340 09	
		\$690 00
Total.....		\$2644 00

ITEMBI—AFRICA

Salaries for two missionaries.....	\$ 500 00
Wages for native teacher.....	75 00
Wages for native evangelist.....	75 00
Rent for Ebenezer station.....	60 00
Veranda on front of house.....	50 00
Further improvements in connection with house.....	30 00
Emergency Fund.....	25 00
Second and third payments on land.....	125 00
One missionary's furniture.....	50 00
A tent 10 by 12 for missionaries.....	18 00
Total.....	\$ 1008 00

EDWALENI—AFRICA

Salaries of two missionaries.....	\$ 500 00
Salary for native evangelist.....	75 00
House for Nathanael B. Smith and wife.....	375 00
Further improvements.....	30 00
Emergency Fund.....	25 00
Second and third payments on land.....	90 00
Outfit furniture for two missionaries.....	100 00
Pondo Land, Africa, Emergency Fund.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 1245 00

YEOTMAL—INDIA

Salaries of nine missionaries.....	\$ 2250 00
For three children.....	75 00
For an Incidental Fund.....	250 00
One-third of the cost of the property at Wun.....	1000 00
For houses for native workers at out stations.....	150 00
For a new tonga and bullock for Yeotmal.....	100 00
To furnish the new bungalow at Wun.....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 3975 00

OTHER EXPENSES

To be appropriated by officers of the board if needs require.....	\$ 300 00
For office and traveling expenses.....	350 00
Salary of Secretary.....	520 00
Publishing the Proceedings.....	35 00
Contingent expenses.....	230 00
Total.....	\$ 1435 00
Grand Total.....	\$ 14684 50

TREASURER'S REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

From October 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902

To amount received from circuits, individual donations, etc.....	\$ 3044 09
To amount received from W. F. M. S., per Mrs. Lillian C. Jensen, treasurer.....	11620 32
To amount received for goods for boxes.....	58 52
To amount received from sale of books.....	214 50
To amount received from sale of Anderson property.....	287 50
To amount from Austin estate.....	30 43
To amount from G. D. Hitchcock estate.....	60 00
Receipts for the year.....	\$ 18915 36
To amount of Haviland Memorial Fund transferred to general account by vote at meeting in 1900.....	\$ 1121 38
To amount on hand October 1, 1901.....	1648 72
	\$ 18085 36
Receipts for 1901 and 1902 as above.....	\$ 15315 36
Received for India Orphan Fund.....	2191 57
Received for Africa Orphan Fund.....	166 25
Grand total for the year.....	\$ 17673 18

TREASURER'S REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—Continued

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Receipts for 1902 (Missions).....	\$15315 36
Receipts for 1901 (Missions).....	11501 04
Increase	\$ 3814 32

INDIA ORPHAN FUND

Receipts for 1902.....	\$ 2191 57
Receipts for 1901	2251 81
Decrease	\$ 60 24

AFRICA ORPHAN FUND

Amount received for 1902.....	\$ 166 25
Amount received for 1901	74 50
Increase	\$ 91 75
Total increase for all 1902.....	\$ 3845 83

DISBURSEMENTS

By amount sent to J. P. Brodhead.....	\$ 5583 34
By amount sent to G. H. Agnew	1381 92
By amount sent to India.....	3080 99
By amount sent to Japan.....	697 00
By amount balance due to H. L. Crockett.....	43 00
By amount paid Esther Clark for expenses from Porto Rico.....	70 00
By amount paid Emma Appling.....	96 84
By amount paid for goods in boxes, land and ocean freight duties, insurance, etc.....	294 32
By amount paid for two land payments (Fair View).....	305 00
By amount transferred to annuity accounts and invested in loans.....	490 00
By amount paid for expenses, salaries, traveling expenses, annual meetings, postage, printing, etc., etc.....	1113 59
Total on foreign missions.....	\$13156 00
Balance on hand October 1, 1902.....	4929 46
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	\$18085 46

INDIA ORPHAN FUND

By amount sent to India.....	\$2256 57
Overdrawn October 1, 1902	\$65 00

AFRICA ORPHAN FUND

By amount sent to Agnew and others.....	\$165 25
Amount on hand October 1, 1902.....	1 00

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

(Incorporated June 19, 1895)

1. Corporate name—"The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America."

2. Object—"To collect, receive, hold, expend, pay out and dispose of any property, real or personal, or of whatsoever nature, and wherever situated, as allowed by law that may be given, obtained, or held in aid of the general missionary work of the Free Methodist church, either on the home or foreign field."

The Master's great "Commission" calls for more laborers. Who will help the board to send them forth?

FORMS OF BEQUEST

BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS.—"I give and bequeath to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, incorporated under the general law of the State of Illinois, the sum of [here state the amount]; and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise [here give the title of the board as above] the following lands and premises: that is to say [brief description here], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequests to the Church Extension Board the same as the foregoing except the name of the board.

THE BETTER WAY

A better way to aid these general benevolences of the church, if possible, is to make your gifts while you live, according to the following form. We have had several lawsuits to secure bequests and have failed of getting six or eight thousand dollars which was well as to the missionary board.

General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America

14-16 North May Street, Chicago, Ill.

I of
hereby donate and deliver upon the conditions named herein.....

.....
to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, for the purposes and objects for which said corporation was incorporated.

In consideration of such donation the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America agrees to pay said
during life interest annually at per cent. on said principal sum. In case of sickness or disability, by giving three months' notice, said Board agrees to pay, at any one time, an amount not exceeding
..... of said principal sum of
to supply the special needs of and give
..... a proper support and maintenance. Additional demands may be made by said for payments from the principal to meet special needs, but such calls shall not be oftener than once in three months.

All of the principal and interest of the beforementioned donation remaining in the hands of said Board at the time of my death, shall be absolutely in the hands of the Board, to be used as it may judge best for Missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or interest to my heirs after my decease.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal this day of 19.....

Signed and delivered in the presence of

..... (SEAL)
..... (SEAL)
..... (SEAL)

For further information address the treasurer or secretary, Chicago, Illinois, 14 North May Street.

GENERAL MISSIONS

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS WERE MADE FOR 1902-1903, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD, OCTOBER 15, 1902

Conferences	Amount
ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI.—To the district elder of West Plains, Beebe and Hot Springs districts, \$20; to the district elder of Fairplay, Virginia, and Carthage districts, \$60. Total.....	\$ 80 00
COLORADO.—To each of the district elders for distribution among the needy preachers, \$40; total, \$80. To the district elder of the Southern district (for his own use), \$50; for the work at Utah, \$80. Total.....	210 00
CALIFORNIA.—Santa Rosa, \$75. Total.....	75 00
COLUMBIA RIVER.—Boise circuit, Idaho (Rev. George Edwards, pastor), \$60. Total.....	60 00
EAST ONTARIO.—Toward house rent for pastor, Toronto, \$40. Total.....	40 00
EAST MICHIGAN.—To the pastor at Saginaw Mission, (W. H. Haight) \$24; to the pastor of Washington and Ray circuit, (A. E. Warren) \$24. Total.....	48 00
IOWA.—Des Moines, \$60. Total.....	60 00
PITTSBURG.—To the district elder, (W. G. Long) \$24; to the pastor of Samaria circuit, \$24; to the pastor of Mt. Sharon circuit, \$24. Total.....	72 00
LOUISIANA.—\$50. Total.....	50 00
MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA.—St. Paul—Scandinavian work, \$50; Bonair and Oakdale (H. W. Miller, pastor), \$25; Elmore (C. W. Sutton, pastor), \$25; to the conference evangelist (M. L. Schoole), \$60. Total.....	160 00
MISSOURI.—Chillicothe (sent to T. B. France), \$50. Total.....	50 00
NORTH INDIANA.—To each of the district elders, \$25; total, \$50. To the pastor at Union City, \$25. Total.....	75 00
NEBRASKA.—Lincoln circuit, \$50; to preacher in charge of Leonia, Ray, Celia and Sandy circuit, \$15; to preacher in charge of Lynch and Gross circuit, \$25. Total.....	90 00
NORTH MINNESOTA.—To the district elder, \$36. Total.....	36 00
NORTH MICHIGAN.—Big Rapids circuit, \$15; St. Louis circuit, \$15; to the Bradley and Gregoryville circuit, \$10. Total.....	40 00
NEW YORK.—White Haven, \$40. Total.....	40 00
OIL CITY.—Corry and Millville circuit, \$25; Erie and McKean circuit, \$25; Coudersport, \$25; Oil City, North Side and Siverly, \$25. Total.....	100 00
OHIO.—Akron society (for hall rent), \$30; for the pastor at Galion, \$20. Total...	50 00
OKLAHOMA.—To each of the district elders, \$60. Total.....	120 00
OREGON.—To be distributed by the Conference Missionary Board, and to be sent to Rev. W. Pearce, Clackamas, Oregon, \$100. Total.....	100 00
PLATTE RIVER.—For district elder of Orleans and Cambridge districts, \$30; Wellfleet and Curtis circuit, \$10; Indianola and Cambridge circuit, \$10. Total.....	50 00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—To the pastor of the Santa Paula circuit, \$25; to the pastor of Monrovia, \$25; Tulare and Lakeside, \$25; San Marcial, if they have a pastor, \$40; Cline and Livingston, \$25; to the district elder of Hanford, San Luis Obispo district, \$40; to the district elder of Arizona and New Mexico district, \$100. Total.....	280 00
SOUTH DAKOTA.—To the conference evangelist (Rev. J. B. Freeland), \$50; to District Elder H. E. Torsey, \$25; to District Elder T. Donoghue, \$25. Total.....	100 00
TEXAS.—(This comes from the Dallas district quarterly conference, signed by its president and secretary), \$100. Total.....	100 00
WEST KANSAS.—To the district elder of Cleo district, \$50; to the district elder of Macksville district, \$35; to Cuba circuit, \$10; Hays City circuit, \$10; Moreland circuit, \$10; Leota circuit, \$10. Total.....	\$125 00
WABASH.—To the pastor of the Frankfort charge, \$25; to the pastor of the Sidell charge, \$25. Total.....	50 00
WEST ONTARIO.—To the district elder of the Manitoba and Northwest district (W. H. Wilson), \$100; to each of the district elders of the other two districts, \$25. Total \$50. Total.....	150 00
WEST IOWA.—Council Bluffs charge, \$60. Total.....	60 00
WASHINGTON.—For the Mt. Vernon work (S. P. Hale, pastor), \$40; to the Snohomish work (S. L. Helm, pastor), \$25. Total.....	65 00
WISCONSIN.—For the York Center circuit, \$20; to the Weyerhauser circuit, \$20; to the Loyd and Little Willow circuit, \$20; Boscobel circuit, \$20. Total....	80 00
GENESEE.—Huberton, among the Italians, \$50. Total.....	50 00
W. G. Hammer's salary, \$700; Secretary's salary, etc., \$180; for incidental expenses, etc., \$220. Total.....	1100 00
Total appropriations.....	\$3766 00

TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS

From October 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902

To amount overdrawn October 1, 1901.....	\$ 483 96	
To amount paid W. G. Hammer.....	700 00	
To amount paid expense and interest account.....	229 50	
To amount error in credit.....	9 60	
To amount sundry appropriations.....	2901 00	
Total payments.....	\$4274 06	
By receipts for the year.....		\$3682 89
Overdrawn.....		611 17
	\$4274 06	\$4274 06

TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS

RECEIPTS, OCTOBER 1, 1901, TO OCTOBER 1, 1902

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	Deficit	Surplus
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 42 15	\$ 25 56	\$16 59	.....
California.....	43 05	43 06	.....	01
Central Illinois.....	221 10	203 55	17 55	.....
Colorado.....	45 45	45 45	.....	.....
Columbia River.....	26 55	21 60	4 95	.....
East Michigan.....	250 80	234 73	16 07	.....
East Ontario.....	92 10	86 70	5 40	.....
Genesee.....	223 80	198 99	24 81	.....
Illinois.....	150 75	150 90	.....	15
Iowa.....	117 45	117 45	.....	.....
Kansas.....	117 90	121 82	.....	3 92
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	28 20	10 02	18 18	.....
Louisiana.....	18 43	14 40	4 05	.....
Michigan.....	139 50	139 50	.....	.....
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	50 25	50 25	.....	.....
Missouri.....	37 35	19 90	17 45	.....
Nebraska.....	59 40	59 43	.....	03
New York.....	157 65	157 65	.....	.....
North Dakota.....	22 95	9 00	13 95	.....
North Indiana.....	48 00	48 00	.....	.....
North Michigan.....	245 70	202 85	42 85	.....
North Minnesota.....	43 05	30 88	12 17	.....
Ohio.....	126 15	94 15	32 00	.....
Oil City.....	238 05	238 05	.....	.....
Oklahoma.....	37 50	37 50	.....	.....
Oregon.....	52 50	52 26	24	.....
Platte River.....	66 30	66 30	.....	.....
Pittsburg.....	167 55	166 37	1 18	.....
Southern California.....	51 30	51 30	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	70 50	70 50	.....	.....
Susquehanna.....	208 20	162 07	46 13	.....
Texas.....	75 60	75 60	.....	.....
Wabash.....	117 00	117 00	.....	.....
Washington.....	58 65	58 42	23	.....
West Iowa.....	98 25	98 25	.....	.....
West Kansas.....	97 50	93 40	4 10	.....
West Ontario.....	80 70	80 70	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	123 75	123 75	.....	.....
Total.....	\$3851 10	\$3577 31	\$277 90	\$4 11

TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS—CONTINUED

October 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902

CONFERENCES	APPROPRIATED	PAID
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	\$ 180 00	\$ 180 00
California	80 00	80 00
Central Illinois	50 00	50 00
Colorado	192 00	192 00
Columbia River	75 00	75 00
East Michigan	72 00	72 00
Iowa	60 00	60 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	95 00	95 00
Louisiana	50 00	50 00
Michigan	50 00	50 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	100 00	100 00
North Dakota	60 00	60 00
North Indiana	80 00	80 00
North Minnesota	36 00	36 00
Ohio	50 00	50 00
Oil City	105 00	105 00
Oklahoma	120 00	120 00
Oregon	75 00	75 00
Pittsburg	210 00	210 00
Platte River	100 00	100 00
South Dakota	90 00	90 00
Southern California	181 00	181 00
Texas	50 00	50 00
Wabash	100 00	100 00
Washington	65 00	65 00
West Iowa	70 00	70 00
West Ontario	150 00	150 00
West Kansas	170 00	170 00
Wisconsin	95 00	95 00
Total appropriations paid		\$2811 00
Amount paid general conference evangelist		700 00
Amount paid interest		30 00
Amount paid expense account		199 50
Amount error in credit		9 60
Amount overdrawn October 1, 1901		433 96
Amount paid 1900, 1901 appropriations		90 00
Total payments		\$4274 06
By receipts from October 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902		3662 89
Overdrawn October 1, 1902		\$ 611 17

S. K. J. CHESBRO, Treasurer.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

This society is auxiliary to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church

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TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1901 to October 1, 1902

CALIFORNIA—\$195.19	CENTRAL ILLINOIS—\$212.60
Mrs. Ina M. Baird.....\$ 147 44	Mrs. Lou E. Fleming.....\$ 36 00
Mrs. Edith M. Johnson.....32 75	Emma Ahlemeyer.....142 95
Mrs. J. E. Cochran.....15 00	Mrs. Mary Marshall.....33 65

COLORADO—\$517.79

Mrs. Hattie J. Handysides.....	\$ 403 97
Howard, Colorado.....	15 00
Mrs. M. M. Hughes.....	14 11
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